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January 15, 1919

Mr. M. L. Wilson
Leader Montana County Agents
Bozeman, Montana

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

Professor Alvord has asked me to put the M. V. H. A. Proceedings into shape for publication, and I am in hopes to get them ready for the press in the near future.

The material which he sent on to me does not include your paper entitled "The Evolution of Montana Agriculture in its Early Period", and he states in his letter that this paper was not received at his office. I trust that you will supply me with a copy of the paper in the near future, or if you have other plans for its publication, will inform me about them so that it may be printed at least by title in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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COUNTY AGENT WORK

February 1, 1919.

Mr. Solan J. Buck,
Superintendent Minnesota Historical Ass'n,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have been away from my office for the past few days and upon my return I have your letter of December 15 regarding a paper which I read at the St. Paul meeting. I thought that I had sent a copy of this to Dr. Alvord but perhaps I am mistaken. At any rate I am sending you herewith a copy. I hope that this delay has not seriously inconvenienced you.

By the way, when will your new book on Farmers' movements appear? I am very anxious to get to see it.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

M L Wilson

County Agent Leader.

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February 6, 1919

Mr. M. L. Wilson
Leader Montana County Agents
Bozeman, Montana

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

Not having heard from you in reply to my letter of January 15 requesting a copy of your paper for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Proceedings, I take it that you do not desire to have the paper included in the volume. Whether or not that is the case, it will be very much appreciated if you will send just as soon as possible to Professor C. S. Boucher, Washington University, St. Louis, a brief abstract of what you read on that occasion.

As you doubtless recall, it has been customary to include in the Proceedings a general account of the meeting in which are embodied abstracts of the papers read, whether or not they are printed. This abstract should be sent in just as soon as possible, as we are anxious to get the Proceedings out before the St. Louis meeting. I trust that you will be willing to cooperate with me in this work for the M. V. H. A. to the extent of giving this your prompt attention.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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February 11, 1919.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Ass'n,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of February 6, I am very sorry that I did not get around to send you my paper as requested in your letter of January 15. I have been away from my office most of the time of late, giving my attention to agricultural reconstruction problems of this state and therefore was unable to attend to the matter earlier. Inasmuch as the copy of my paper was sent a few days ago I take it that it will not be necessary for me to send another copy to Professor Bocher, Washington University, St. Louis. I hope that the delay has not seriously inconvenienced you. If the paper comes up to the standard of papers which are published in the proceedings I shall be delighted to have it published.

Again I wish to apologize for my delay and hope that it has not seriously inconvenienced you.

I am taking the liberty to send you herewith the program of work of our Montana Farm Bureaus and refer you to page 28 where you will find the report of the Committee on Agricultural History.

From this you will see what our Farm Bureaus plan to work on this coming year. I shall be pleased if you will give

some suggestions and criticisms regarding the report of this
committee.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Wilson
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County Agent Leader.

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February 17, 1919

Mr. M. L. Wilson
County Agent Leader
Bozeman, Montana

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

I am in receipt of your paper
in time for inclusion in the Proceedings.

There is one discrepancy which
you will have to adjust as no file of the Montana
Post is available here. On page 8 of your manu-
script, you write: "It was estimated that in
1865 Gallatin Valley alone produced 20,000 bushels
of wheat." (Montana Post, March 3, 1866.) On page
7, you write: "It was estimated that over 300,000
bushels of wheat were threshed that year [1867] in
Gallatin Valley. (Montana Post, August 3, 1867)
This in three years' time the wheat crop had in-
creased from 25,000 to over 300,000 bushels." Is
20,000 or 25,000 the correct figure for the year
1865?

I have just completed the re-
vision of the manuscript of "The Farmers' Crusade"
and suppose that it will go to press in the near
future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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February 25, 1919.

Solan J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Upon my return to the office I find your letter of February 17. Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in catching the discrepancy. The correct figure which should be used in the sentence on page 7 is 20,000 bushels, therefore the sentence should read "Thus in three years' time the wheat crop had increased from 20,000 to over 300,000 bushels.

I shall be greatly interested in reading your book on the Farmers' Crusade and if it comes up with your "Granger Movement" it will certainly be recognized as a classic by agricultural colleges.

Very truly yours,

M. L. Wilson
County Agent Leader.

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March 6, 1919

Mr. M. L. Wilson
County Agent/Leader
Bozeman, Montana

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

Thank you for your letter of
February 25 explaining the discrepancy in your
paper.

In checking up your footnotes,
something that we do with all of the papers, my
assistant has discovered some further difficulties
which she has stated on the enclosed sheet. I will
appreciate it if you will look into this matter as
soon as possible and let me know what changes if
any you desire to have made in the text.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 7, 1919

Mr. M. L. Wilson
County Agent Leader
University of Montana
Bozeman, Montana

Dear Mr. Wilson:-

I am in receipt of your
letter of April 4 and will be glad to make
the corrections upon the proof of your paper
when it is received from the printer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 4, 1919.

Solan J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Association,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have been out of my office practically all the time for the past month, therefore my delay in answering your letter of March 6, asking for corrections in a discrepancy in my paper. I am very sorry for this delay, but my work is such that I am away from my office most of the time and therefore such ^{pressures} of necessity, have to await my return. I see that an error has crept in; I therefore suggest that the sentence quoting from Granville Stewart beginning, "The following gives some general idea as to the price of food in mining camps, Bannock in 1862" be changed to read "Granville Stewart quotes the following bill of goods which was purchased at Florence City in the Salmon River country in 1862." The next statement which reads, "Virginia City 1862, Flour \$28 to \$35" should be credited to Trexler, Harrison A., Flour and Wheat in the Montana Gold Camps, 1862-70, Missoula 1918.

Trusting that these corrections will reach you in time

I remain

Very truly yours,

M. L. Wilson
County Agent Leader.

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Difficulty on page 4 of "Evolution of Montana Agriculture."

Statement in paper: "Bannack, in 1862, flour \$1 per pound; beef, 25¢ per pound; bacon \$1.25 per pound."

In the reference - Granville Stuart, "A Historical sketch of Deer Lodge county, valley, and city," in Contributions to the historical society of Montana, 2: 123, these figures are quoted from a bill of goods "bought at Florence City in the Spring of 1862, by a miner who afterwards came to Bannack City."

The next statement in the paper reads: "Virginia City, 1864; flour \$28 to \$35 for a 98 pound sack, and potatoes 20¢ per pound."

Mr. Stuart gives, on p. 123, no prices for Virginia City in 1864. In 1865, he says, flour was \$145 per hundred.

April 30, 1919

Mr. M. L. Wilson
County Agent Leader
University of Montana
Bozeman, Montana

My dear Mr. Wilson:-

Your letter of April 4 relative to changes and corrections in your paper reached me after the manuscript had been sent to the printer.

We fixed it up ourselves to make it correspond with the material which we found, and while we did not use exactly the language which you suggest, of course, I think it will be satisfactory.

Sincerely yours

B/P

This is a mean drizzly day and I cant see what