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ORAL HISTORY ASSIGNMENT

INTERVIEWER SARAH MACIAG

INTERVIEWEE WICK SAYATOVIC

SUBJECT I ASKED MR. SAYATOVIC MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT BUTTE. HE TOLD ME ABOUT MINING IN BUTTE, & HOW HE SUPPORTED HIMSELF BY BEING A BUSINESS MAN. HE TOLD ME ABOUT HOW MANY ETHNIC GROUPS WERE IN BUTTE & HOW THE CITY WAS DIVIDED BY THESE GROUPS.

I TRIED TO KEEP HIM ON THE QUESTION I ASKED, BUT HE HAD SO MUCH INFORMATION TO GIVE ME; WE GOT OFF THE TRACK MANY TIMES.

MR. SAYATOVIC

HE WROTE DOWN SOME NOTES OF WHAT HE REMEMBERED OF BUTTE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS DURING THE MINING PERIOD; THINKING THEY WOULD BE VERY USEFUL.

MR. SAYATOVIC BORN 4-3-13 in ANKON, MONT.

Thought about mining -

DANGEROUS, ONLY DID IT FOR 6 WEEKS. WAS HIT IN THE HEAD BY FALLING ROCKS HIS FIRST DAY ON THE JOB.

NOTES

WICK (MR. SAYATOVIC) WROTE OUT SOME NOTES THAT HE THOUGHT WOULD BE INTERESTING.

about 1923 we had an ice cream man by the name of Tolly, he would come by horse & wagon, he had a bell on his horse & would sell us ice cream cones for 5¢.

we had 2 men come selling fruit & produce out of wagons, Mr Murray was one & his daughter Katie still is living in Butte.

Calstrays, was the other one, I dont know what kind of a name that is.

we had the Hanson packing Co. out by the municipal golf course, they sold beef, pork etc. Hansen would send no beef out until it hung in the cooler for 7 days - In 1973 the other packing house, wanted to ship it out in 2 days, they didnt want to absorb any shrinkage. Hansen made the ~~Silver~~ Silver Bow Tard, and vitamin dog food, he shipped the dog food all over, some people ate it.

at the Columbia Gardens, we had a beautiful dance hall, the largest in the North west, 12 to 14 ~~five~~ piece bands would play, big names like Harry James & Phil Harris.

we had another dance hall at Lake Avoca, this is where the Country Club golf course is now located, it was built out in the water on piling.

When we had the winter Garden hall room on Montana street, it was up stairs across from the Elks Bldg. local bands like Eddie Thomas I believe was his name & John Kern, the King of Harmony, he called his band.

Frank Baran, had <sup>an</sup> ice ponds out at Elk park & would deliver ice, to Coolers around town in 60 lb. Chunks for walk in Coolers.

we had boarding houses on East Broadway & E. Granite streets, it was family style; you could eat all you wanted, there would be hundreds each day there; they would also make up buckets for the miners.

we had dog races, out on the flat.

we had a street car in <sup>the</sup> McQueen addition we called it the Linker, it would run from Featherwood Street to Cherry Street & meet the car's going uptown & to the Columbia Gardens, some of the rails uptown were left on the streets & just paved over. Years ago there were Cobble stones on Dakota & Main streets.

There were 3000 Finlander in Butte at the time.