



Program of Upper Missouri Historical Expedition

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UPPER MISSOURI SPECIAL
via
GREAT NORTHERN
RAILWAY

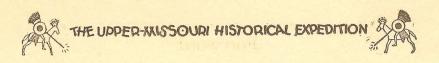
Foreword

Fame seems to bestow and withhold itself capriciously. It is not unusual that an historic epoch should fail to arrest attention and languish for an indefinite period in the twilit domain of the antiquarian. The early history of the Northwest has suffered to some extent such oblivion. Many of us think of this region as a country without a past; and yet the Puritan colony at Plymouth was still in its infancy when the first of those dauntless voyageurs, traders and priests who were to explore the remotest reaches of the far West, had appeared on the shores of the Great Lakes and — in 1655 — along the water courses of Minnesota.

Early in the century that followed, the expeditions of Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, sieur de La Verendrye, seeking, on behalf of the French monarch, an overland passage to the Pacific, discovered the upper Missouri, and in 1742 advanced almost to the Rocky Mountains. Several decades later the great geographer, David Thompson, began his long series of explorations, the result of which was the first important survey and map of the Northwest from the shores of Lake Superior, to the mouth of the Columbia; in 1806 Captain Meriwether Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition pitched his camp on the east slope of the Rocky Mountains, not far south of the present international boundary. From Fort Union and other outposts of the American Fur Company and from the British stations of the Northwest and Hudson's Bay companies, the amazing adventurers of the fur trade poured out to blaze the trails by which the unwieldy caravans of the settlers were later to find their way across the continent.

But the Northwest really was settled from emigrant trains moving into the territory on the great steel highways—the railroads. In this part of the United States the railroad builders were the pioneers who made possible the rapid and complete occupancy of the country. In the period of railroad development and in our own time John F. Stevens, an American engineer, made the last important exploration in this region, exactly locating the best and lowest of the Rocky Mountain crossings—the Marias Pass.

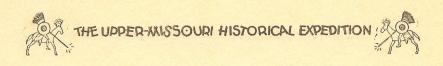
It is the aim of The Upper Missouri Historical Expedition to awaken greater public interest in the historic background of the territory traversed by these hardy adventurers of an earlier day; it is to commemorate the notable achievements of Verendrye, Thompson, Lewis, McKenzie of Fort Union, Stevens, and in them that host of obscurer pathfinders who preceded and made possible the settlement of the Northwest, that this expedition is dedicated.



July 16, 1925 SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

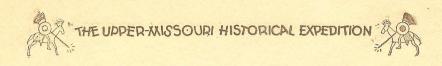
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Luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Budd, Somerset Club	1:00	Р. М
A visit to Pilot Knob, Sibley House and Fort Snelling	3:00	P. M
Upper Missouri Special leaves Saint Paul Union Depot via Great Northern Railway	9:00	Р. М.



Friday, July 17, 1925 Verendrye, North Dakota

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRIVES VERENDRYE
Band Concert
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DEDICATION CEREMONY—IN HONOR OF PIERRE GAULTIER DE VARENNES, SIEUR DE LA VERENDRYE AND DAVID THOMPSON
10:30 A. M.
HIS EXCELLENCY, A. G. SORLIE, Governor of North Dakota, Presiding
"Land of Hope and Glory"Elgar GREAT NORTHERN SONGSTERS
Invocation
Presentation of Thompson monument and site to the State of North Dakota on behalf of the Great Northern RailwayRALPH BUDD
Acceptance for the StateGovernor Sorlie
"North Dakota"
"The Verendryes, Discoverers of Dakota"THE HON. LAWRENCE J. BURPEE
"Oh Canada"Lavalee Great Northern Songsters
Dedicatory Address "David Thompson, Astronomer and Geographer"
"America"



12:30 P. M.

Farmers' Picnic Auspices of Citizens of Verendrye and Minot Association of Commerce

Foot races and other sports.

4:30 P. M.

Motor Trip Verendrye to Minot

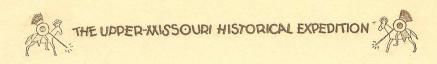
By Courtesy of the People of Minot

6:30 P. M.

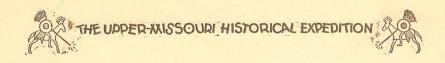
MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA

BANQUET IN HONOR OF THE UPPER MISSOURI HISTORICAL EXPEDITION, LELAND HOTEL, GIVEN BY THE PEOPLE OF MINOT

Toastmaster				
Selections				
Invocation				
Address of WelcomeThe Hon. A. J. Bratsberg Mayor of Minot				
"Allouette"				
GREAT NORTHERN SONGSTERS				
Greetings for North Dakota				
"The Spirit of Adventure"				
"Land of Hope and Glory"				



"Ties that Still Bind"
"Heroes of the Task" Miss Agnes C. Laut
"The Maple Leaf Forever"
"Imagination in American Life" LAWRENCE F. ABBOTT
"The Preservation and Recording of History" MISS STELLA M. DRUMM, Librarian, Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, Mo.
SelectionGreat Northern Railway Orchestra
Talk
"America"
Special Train Leaves Minot



SATURDAY, JULY 18, 1925. FORT UNION.

SPECIAL TRAIN ARRIVES FORT UNION...... 8:30 A. M.

9:00 A. M. to 10:30 A. M.

Reception to The Upper Missouri Historical Expedition by the Assembled Indian Tribes:

Mandans Gros Ventres
Hidatsas Crows
Arikaras Blackfeet
Chippewas Bloods
Sioux Piegans
Assinniboines

Indian Contests
Judges:

O. G. Libby, Chairman Lewis F. Crawford James Willard Schultz

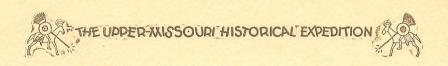
- 1. Best Medicine Pipe in the possession of a full-blooded Indian delegate.
- 2. Best Indian Brave's Lodge, at Indian Village: Painted Interior, Medicine Bundle.

Exhibit of Historical Relics and Photographs

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MONTANA, DAVID HILGER, Librarian.

STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH DAKOTA, LEWIS F. CRAW-FORD, Superintendent; O. G. LIBBY, Secretary.

L. A. Huffman, Photographer, Miles City, Montana.



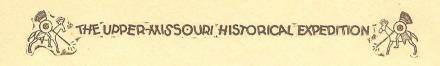
10:30 A. M.

FORMAL FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

Flag Raising.... Company "E," North Dakota National Guard, Captain E. W. Jeffrey, in Command

HIS EXCELLENCY, J. E. ERICKSON, Governor of the State of Montana, Presiding

"Land of Hope and Glory"
Invocation
AddressMajor-General Hugh L. Scott, U. S. A., Retire:
Response by Indian Tribes: For Blackfeet, Blood and Piegan Indians
"America"
Selections Knickerbocker Boys Concert Bank of Ray, North Dakota
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2:30 P. M.
SelectionsLuther College Band of Decorah, Iowa
Indian Contests and Sports:
No. 3. Best Old Time Costume for Braves, No. 4. Best Indian Sign Talker, No. 5. Best Tribal Dance, No. 6. Best Trained Dog and Travois, No. 7. Best Tribal Presentation of Old Time Indian Games, No. 8. Teepee Race for Squaws, No. 9. Best Horse and Travois, No. 10. Indian Horse Race.



*SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1925.

Special Train Arrives Havre..... 8:00 a. m.

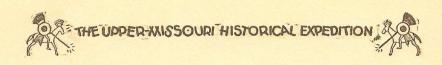
AUTOMOBILE TRIP TO CHIEF JOSEPH BATTLEFIELD

By Courtesy of the People of Havre and Chinook

(Scene of battle between Chief Joseph's Nez Percé Indians and United States troops under General Miles)

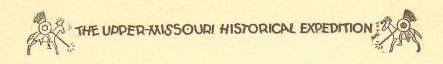
SPECIAL TRAIN ARRIVES GLACIER PARK..... 7:30 P. M.

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*MONDAY, JULY 20, 1925.
Special Train Leaves Glacier Park 9:00 a. m.
Special Train Arrives Meriwether
PROCEEDINGS AT THE FORMAL DEDICATION OF MONUMENT TO MERIWETHER LEWIS
HIS EXCELLENCY J. E. ERICKSON, Governor of the State of Montana, Presiding
"Land of Hope and Glory"
Great Northern Songsters
Invocation
Presentation of Meriwether Lewis Monument and site to the State of Montana on behalf of the Great Northern Railway
Acceptance by the StateGovernor Erickson
"Montana"Byrd
Great Northern Songsters
"The First National Exploration of the United States of America"
"Carry Me Back to Old Virginny"
Dedicatory Address "Captain Lewis' Marias River Expedition"
"Star Spangled Banner"
Special Train Leaves Meriwether
Special Train Arrives Glacier Park

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*TUESDAY, JULY 21, 1925. SPECIAL TRAIN LEAVES GLACIER PARK..... 9:00 A. M. PROCEEDINGS AT THE UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF THE STATUE OF JOHN FRANK STEVENS, MARIAS PASS ON THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE 10:30 A. M. THE HONORABLE CHARLES H. CAREY, Presiding "Land of Hope and Glory"......GREAT NORTHERN SONGSTERS Invocation President, American Society of Civil Engineers "The World is Waiting for the Sunrise"......Seitz GREAT NORTHERN SONGSTERS "John F. Stevens and Marias Pass". THE HONORABLE PIERCE BUTLER, Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court Unveiling of Statue......John Frank Stevens III. Response......John Frank Stevens "I've Been Working on the Railroad".....Great Northern Songsters Special Train Arrives Glacier Park..... 1:00 p. m. LUNCHEON AT GLACIER PARK HOTEL..... 1:30 P. M.

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