

RIMROCK DRIVE PLAN IS NEARING COMPLETION, REALTORS ARE TOLD

Feasibility of Plan Is Outlined to Board by Rockwood Brown and Work Will Start Soon.

Plans for the construction of the much-labeled rimrock drive along the top of the rim to about nine miles west of the city are being rapidly brought to completion, according to announcement made by Rockwood Brown before the Midland Hearing Real Estate board at its meeting Wednesday noon. Bent Hammond, manager of the Midland Real Estate fair, was also one of the speakers at the meeting and one of the announcements to be made in various fair departments this week.

Originated by Realtors.
The rimrock drive plan was originated by the realtors some time ago, but at that time it was planned to cut a drive directly through the rocks to the top and from thence along the top to the west end of the rocks. This plan failed on account of the great cost of the undertaking but several bodies of the city, including the real estate board, have been working on the plan until now it is on its way to accomplishment.

Various plans have been considered but the committee composed of Rockwood Brown, C. E. Durland and Charles Carter has carefully investigated the conditions and are of the opinion that the road around Southill cemetery is the most feasible. It is possible that the road may proceed from the rim into the country near the Great Northern tunnel.

Clubs Back Plan.
Mr. Brown has taken up the plan with the Elks and Commercial clubs and both organizations are working on it at this time. "We lack a place to take our visitors or to get away from business routine matters," said Mr. Brown, Wednesday. "We should exhibit our natural resources for probably many strangers pass through Billings every touring season and they should be induced to spend some of their time here."

"If the tourist way in Billings a few days and take these side trips which we are able to offer with a little effort, great advantage will come to Billings industries. These tourist drives will draw at least \$1,000 each season in Billings."

"There is at this time a scenic road along the rimrock, by way of Southill cemetery, but after down the hill at intervals and there are no directions in town which may guide the tourist to take this drive even if he knew of its existence. There is no scenic drive in the United States that will compare with this trail and we are overlooking a very big opportunity if we do not make advantage of it."

Investigate Location.
The survey engineer, Charles Carter, and himself have been investigating the location of the road for scenic purposes and to minimize engineering expenses, and if we are able to secure right-of-way deals from the industries living on the rim, large developments along the country and the city plan board jointly an agreement, the work will begin as soon as the weather will permit.

"There will be little or no construction cost, as there is already a dirt road to the top and along the rim west, and all that will be necessary is a small amount of grading, so that the falling moisture will not wash the road out. It may be wise to perfect the Zimmermann trail for the descending road, as it would present less engineering difficulties."

"The county commissioners will be asked to grade the road as a matter of service to the landowners on the rim. The work will not cost the taxpayers enough to cause any trouble, nor will money have to be raised from individuals or organizations to pay for the work."

Must Arouse Interest.
"It is absolutely necessary to get the community on the advantages which the construction of this drive will bring to it. Interest must be aroused, and it is possible that a contest for a name for the drive will bring this interest closer than any other plan. We want tourists and others to think of this drive whenever they think of Billings, as they think of Lookout mountain when they think of Denver. A prominent geologist told me the other day that the rock formation at the east end of the rim was the only kind of its structure in the United States."

"The drive should be advertised at the tourist park and directions for the finding of the way be posted where every tourist who enters the city may see them. We want these tourists to spend a few days in Billings and not go straight through. The drive will also mean a great deal to Billings residents as it will afford them one of the most wonderful scenic drives to be found in the northwest."

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Long and Short Haul Revision Reported For Senate Passage

Washington, March 19.—The bill by Senator Gooding, Republican, Idaho, proposing drastic amendments to the "long and short haul" provision of the Interstate Commerce act, was favorably reported Wednesday by the senate interstate commerce committee.

Under the bill common carriers would be prohibited from charging higher rates for passengers or freight "for a shorter haul for a longer distance over the same line or route in the same direction, the shorter being included in the longer distance."

The vote in the committee was reported as 9 to 2.

The committee also ordered a further

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