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One cannot be pessimistic about the West. This is the native home of hope. When it fully learns that cooperation, not rugged individualism, is the quality that most characterizes and preserves it, then it will have achieved itself and outlived its origins. Then it has a chance to create a society to match its scenery.

— Wallace Stegner, *The Sound of Mountain Water*



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An empty chamber at the Montana House of Representatives.
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