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Financial Report to the Municipal Council of Virginia City, M. T.

To the Mayor and Councilmen of the City of Virginia:

GENTLEMEN: In compliance with your request and with that of the majority of our citizens, I beg leave to submit to your consideration the following report concerning the expenditures of our city, believing, with you, the period of a settlement and statement of the City Treasurer to be the happiest occasion for a report of the general condition of our finances.

From the 1st day of March of the present year, to the 20th day of October, at which time the present report is estimated, the Warrants issued by the City Government were for the following purposes, and of the subjoined aggregate amounts:

Marshal and Police	$4,679 02
Rent of City Hall	336 00
Expenses of "Fourth of July" Celebration	48 20
McMath and Lovell, for services	54 00
Charitable purposes	92 75
Fire Companies, (Buildings and repairing, wagons, etc.)	333 79
Street Department	316 25
City Hall and Calaboose, furniture, stationery, fuel, lights, etc.	627 13
Clerks and Judges of Election	200 00
Printing	629 22
Refunded for over pay of Licenses	85 00
Treasurer (salary)	251 04
Attorney "	254 15
Clerk "	575 74
Street Commissioner (salary)	629 41
Fire Warden "	350 50
Engineer, (survey of city, etc.)	877 00
Police Magistrate	196 75
Total amount of Warrants issued	$10,535 95
Amount of Warrants redeemed by Treasurer	9,358 02
Amount of outstanding debt	$1,177 93

This last amount, $1,177 93, is liable to be increased by $65 00, which is the amount of accounts allowed by your honorable body, and the warrants for which have not yet been demanded. The above estimate also includes the pay of our Police force, up to the 15th of this month, and all of the city officers to the 1st of the month, with the exception of the City Clerk, whose salary has not been drawn since the 2d day of July; but which is retained to balance a deficit in the accounts of a former deputy, amounting to $321 40. The salary now due the clerk will over-pay this amount, leaving a small sum of his salary still unpaid. A few other small amounts, amounting to not over $100 00, completes the amount of the indebtedness of the city.

Of the amount of unpaid Warrants, ($1,177 93) the larger portion is now in my hands, having been received by me in payment of licenses during the present week; as also a considerable amount of U. S. currency. Taking this into consideration, together with the balance now remaining in the hands of the Treasurer in favor of the city, as shown by his statement, we may fairly say that the city is now entirely free from debt.

The office of Street Commissioner being abolished, $2,000 per annum is thus saved; $1,000 is also saved by your reduction of the salary of the City Clerk. The Police Department, also contributes, by your wise and economical legislation, the sum of $475 00 per month, or $4,500 00 per annum, to this fund—making the actual saving of $7,500 00 per annum to the citizens of this city.

With this amount saved, two courses present themselves: A reduction of taxes, or an expenditure for the comfort, improvement and beauty of our city, either of which would contribute much to the satisfaction of the citizens.

If the present rate of taxation is continued, with the present economical government and the fast increasing business of the city, in the course of another year, a considerable fund will have accumulated, which can be used towards making Virginia City the neatest, most beautiful and most elegant, as it is now the best regulated city, in Montana, and the metropolis of our young Territory.

The happy result of your constant labors of the past month will, I hope, render the government of the city acceptable and useful to all classes of citizens, and gain for you, as you well deserve, their approbation for your earnest endeavors lately made in behalf of their individual and general welfare.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM H. CHILES,
City Attorney.

[From the Buffalo Express.]

Northern Pacific Railroad.

The New York *Tribune*, in a recent article on the visit of English capitalists to this country, remarked:

"Our Pacific Railroads are peculiarly inviting to moneyed men. It is the purpose of the British Government to open a path to the Pacific Ocean. They must see that their Atlantic & Great Western, rich as it is now, will become far more valuable when its freight trains are burdened with teas of China and the spices of the occidental nations. England has long desired a road to the Pacific, and her engineers have, time and again, endeavored to find a way through British America. The favorite scheme has been to continue the Grand Trunk Railway to Lake Superior, and thence by way of rivers and lakes and branch roads to Puget Sound. The difficulty with this plan lies in the climate. For six months in the year, the route would not be useful. Accordingly, British enterprise will probably be compelled reluctantly to abandon the project of a British railroad. If Sir Morton Peto and his friends have much money to spend, let them go to work and do for British America, and indeed for the British Empire, what its own engineers have failed to do."

The *Tribune* then points out to the attention of these gentlemen the line proposed from Lake Superior to the Pacific, not through British territory, but skirting the British line, through Minnesota, Montana, Idaho and Washington Territories. We desire to add something to the *Tribune's* suggestions, with a view to directing general attention to this Northern Pacific Railroad route. Its superior advantages over the Central route are made strikingly apparent by a few facts and calculations.

Making Chicago, at the head of Lake Michigan, and Du Luth, at the Western extremity of Lake Superior, the starting points at the east of the respective railroads, each place being about the same number of days' sail from Buffalo, the following results are arrived at. They prove the northern route, beyond dispute, to be the one over which the teas, silks, gums and spices of the East will find their way to the Atlantic States and Western Europe.

Du Luth, at the mouth of the St. Louis river, which empties into the Foud du Lac of Lake Superior, is nearly in latitude 47 and in longitude 15 deg. 30 min. west from Washington. A degree of longitude in that latitude is 47 10-100ths statute miles long. Chicago, at the head of Lake Michigan, is in latitude 42 deg. and longitude 10 deg. and 40 min. west of Washington. A degree of longitude in that latitude is 51 32-100ths statute miles long. The western terminations of both the railroads, at San Francisco and on Puget's Sound, are in longitude 45 deg. 30 min. west.

This makes the distance, in a direct line,

From Chicago to San Francisco, miles	1,783
From Fond Du Lac to Puget's Sound, miles	1,413
Difference in favor of the Northern route	370

A ship sailing from Puget's Sound, in latitude 48 deg. west, moves on degrees of longitude 46 21-100ths miles long, while one sailing from San Francisco, in latitude 38 deg., moves on those of 54 52-100ths miles in length. The number of degrees of longitude from either of those points on our Pacific coast, to a given point in Japan, say to Yeddo, in N. latitude 36 deg., longitude 143 west, is 97 deg. 30 min. Here again is found an advantage for the Northern route.

Scientific researches prove that a Northern route will not be more impeded by snows than a more Southern one. Blodgett's great work on Climatology settles this question. This line of Winter temperature laid down by him, which passes near Fond du Lac, pursues a northwesterly course, till it approaches the mountain ranges; there it suddenly turns to the south and passes into New Mexico, where it crosses the mountains and passes up on their western flanks, thus giving to the mountain regions between the Saskatchawan country and New Mexico, through which both the Northern and Central Railroads must pass, a uniform winter climate of equal severity.

When this Northern Pacific Railroad shall have been constructed, what wonderful changes will be wrought in the course of Commerce? For example:

From Yeddo to Puget's Sound, distance 4,500 miles, which can be made by a loaded steamer in	12½ days.
From Puget's Sound to Fond du Lac, by railroad, at 15 miles per hour	4 "
Fond du Lac to Buffalo, by steamer	4 "
Buffalo to New York, by railroad	1 "
From Yeddo to New York	21½ days.

A few days will, of course, have to be added for handling.

This city, New York and Boston are vastly more interested in the Northern Pacific railroad than in any more southern one. As an investment, it promises better results. Passing, as it will, through Montana and Idaho, it would at once find a local business. Really, is it not strange that its merits have been overlooked so long, and that public interest should be confined exclusively to the middle route?

Quartz Mining Law.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Montana:

SECTION 1. That any person or persons that may hereafter discover any quartz lead, lode, or ledge, shall be entitled to one claim thereon by right of discovery, and one claim each by pre-emption.

SECTION. 2. That in order to entitle any person or persons to record in the County Recorder's office of the proper county any lead, lode or ledge, either of gold or silver, or claims thereon, there shall first be discovered on said lead, lode or ledge, a vein or crevice of quartz ore with at least one well defined wall.

SECTION 3. Claims on any lead, lode, or ledge, either of gold or silver, hereafter discovered, shall consist of not more than two hundred feet along the lode, lead or ledge, together with all dips, spurs and angles, emanating or diverging from said lead, lode or ledge, as also fifty feet on each side of the center of said lead, lode or ledge, for working purposes; PROVIDED, that when two or more leads, lodes, or ledges, shall be discovered within one hundred feet of each other, either running parallel or crossing each other, the ground between such leads, lodes or ledges shall belong equally to the claimants of said leads, lodes, or ledges, without regard to the priority of discovery or pre-emption.

SECTION 4. When any leads, lodes, or ledges, shall cross each other, the quartz ore or mineral in the crevice or vein at the place of crossing, shall belong to, and be the property of, the claimant upon the lead, lode, or ledge, first discovered.

SECTION 5. That before any record shall be made under the provisions of this Act, there shall be placed at each extremity of the discovery claim, a good and substantial stake, not less than five inches in diameter, said stake to be firmly planted or sunk into the ground, extending two feet above ground; that upon each stake there shall be placed, in legible characters, the name of the lead, lode or ledge, and that of the discoveror or discoverors, the date of discovery, and the name of each pre-emptor or claimant, and the directions or bearings, as near as may be, of his or her claims. Said stakes and the inscriptions thereon, to be replaced at least once in twelve months, by the claimants on said lode, lead, or ledge, if torn down or otherwise destroyed.

SECTION 6. Notice of the discovery or pre-emption, upon any lead, lode, or ledge, shall be filed for record in the County Recorder's office of the county in which the same may be situated, within fifteen days of the date of the discovery or pre-emption, and there shall, at the same time, be an oath taken before Recorder, that the claimant or claimants are each and all of them bona fide residents of the Territory of Montana, and there shall be deposited in the Recorder's office, either by the discoveror or some pre-emptor, a specimen of the quartz ore or mineral extracted or taken from said lead, lode or ledge, which said specimen shall be properly labeled by the Recorder and preserved in his office.

SECTION 7. That any person or persons who shall take up or destroy, or cause the same to be done, any of the said stakes, or who shall, in any wise, purposely deface or obliterate any part or portion of the writing or inscriptions placed thereon, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 8. That the amount of ground which may be taken upon any lead, lode, or ledge, in addition to the discovery claim, shall be limited one thousand feet along said lead, lode or ledge, in each direction from the discovery claim thereon.

SECTION 9. Claims taken up and recorded in pursuance with the provisions of this Act, shall entitle the person recording, to hold the same to the use of himself, his heirs and assigns, and conveyances of quartz claims shall hereafter require the same formalities, and shall be subject to the same rules of construction, as the transfer and conveyance of real estate.

SECTION 10. That if at any time previous to the passage of this Act, claims have been taken up and recorded in the Recorder's office, in the proper county, upon any actual or proper lead, lode or ledge of quartz ore or mineral, the owners or proper claimant of said respective claims, shall hold the same to the use of themselves, their heirs and assigns.

SECTION 11. That the Act relating to the discovery of gold and silver quartz lodes, and the manner of their location, passed by the Idaho Legislature, and approved, February 4th, 1864, and all other Acts or parts of Acts, inconsistent with this Act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION 12. This Act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

GEO. DETWILER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
R. LAWRENCE, President of the Council.
SIDNEY EDGERTON, Governor.

THE steamer New York, which arrived in New York on the 23d of September, in six days, eleven hours and twenty minutes, (from Liverpool, we suppose), made the quickest passage on record, the Baltic's quick trip being in six days and twenty-one hours.

THE Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* says the drought there is becoming almost fearful, and still the prayers for rain are not answered. Hundreds of mills of all sorts, in all parts of New England, are entirely idle for want of water, and others are only running a part of the time.

AN experiment in tea plants, which has lasted five years has been made in Georgia, and with complete success. The cultivator says his tea plants grow as well as in China, bear a crop at three years old, and last for twenty years. His farm is near Savannah.

EVER since the late earthquakes, the San Francisco papers have been laboring to convince their readers that shocks of that class are the most innocent things in the world, rather pleasant than otherwise.

A DISPATCH from Oregon says that Mount Hood is sending immense volumes of smoke from its crater.

TELEGRAPHIC.

New York, Oct. 16.

The correspondent of the London Times says the Fenian agitation is still rife in Liverpool, and in spite of the special vigilance policy, drills and meetings for discussions are conducted with comparative freedom. During the present week, numerous meetings have been held, attended not only by men of the lower ranks, but by persons of considerable means. At these meetings, resolutions were adopted in support of the Fenian objects and organization, by money and physical aid, if necessary. The question of the purchase of vessels and the formation of an armament for privateering purposes was discussed. The idea of preying on British commerce at sea appeared to be keenly relished. A resolution to carry out an object of this kind was put and carried with enthusiasm, and much violent language was used. As a proof, however, that the resolution was not mere froth, a call was made for subscriptions, and in a few minutes, nearly £200 were laid down. With the exception of the vaporing style of talk, which might be expected on such an occasion, the proceedings were orderly. Minutes of the previous meetings were read and memoranda of the above resolutions were made.

It is feared, with regard to the Royal Naval Reserve, that the Fenian disaffection has spread among its members considerably. A strong feeling was entertained in the town, in favor of a vigorous and prompt canvass of both the volunteer and naval reserve forces, in order to discover the recreants.

New York, Oct. 18.

The United States Consul in the City of Mexico has been refused admittance to the Imperial palace, being informed that such a person was unknown there.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 19.

The Michigan Central Railroad freight depot, containing a large amount of freight, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at $1,000,000, partially insured.

Washington, Oct. 20.

The Missouri delegate, sent from the Fenian congress to Washington, with reference to the unconditional release of John Mitchell, a prisoner at Fort Monroe, reports that he has been successful. An order for that purpose will be issued.

New York, Oct. 20.

A Washington dispatch to a Philadelphia paper says the counsel of Jeff. Davis has expressed a desire that his client be accorded an immediate trial. The desire comes originally from Davis, who, it is said, has declared he has no fears for the issue; that therefore the Government would do him a great favor by arraigning him at the earliest possible moment. Owing to the recent favorable change in his every day life, mainly the work of the President, he has everything he could ask, save liberty itself and the presence of his family.

Nashville, Oct. 20.

The notorious guerrilla, Champ Ferguson, was hanged to-day. The execution was conducted privately.

New York, Oct. 18.

The Herald's Philadelphia correspondent says that among the measures which will occupy the Fenian National Congress, now in session in that city, is one to provide for the organization of the American members of the brotherhood into a military body, ready to co-operate with the brethren across the water.

The bonds of the Irish Republic will be issued without delay.

Gen. Ortega has been arrested in this city, at the instance of Colonel Allen, Mexican recruiting officer, who has expended $7,000 in procuring recruits, which sum Ortega refuses to reimburse.

Philadelphia, Oct. 19.

At the Fenian Convention to-day, P. J. Wheelan, a prominent Irish American journalist, made his appearance, having just returned from a tour through Ireland, during which he was intimately connected with Irish Fenians, and informed himself of their plans. He reports the organization as powerful, and under skillful leaders. The members of the convention present have been increased by delegations from the west. One from California was expected. Financial matters are being rapidly perfected, and subscriptions to the loan will soon be commenced.

Philadelphia, Oct. 20.

At a session of the Fenian Congress on Wednesday, Gen. Sweeney was assigned a seat on the platform. The General was received with much enthusiasm, but declined making a speech, as the convention meant work.

At the afternoon session, a resolution was adopted, prohibiting delegates from taking notes of the proceedings. The members of the convention were ordered to destroy any which had already been written, for fear they might be lost and give information to the enemy.

The report of the envoy of the brotherhood from abroad was received with the most enthusiastic demonstration, and a resolution was adopted, the members of the convention rising to their feet with one accord, pledging the fullest support to their friends abroad.

New York, Oct. 21.

Files of late West India papers furnish additional details of a terrific hurricane which swept over some of those Islands, on the 6th of last month. In Guadaloupe it was particularly severe. Houses were lifted from the ground, torn to pieces, and blown in fragments to a considerable distance, and the air filled with the flying debris. In one town the hospital was blown down, and all the inmates killed or wounded. Between two hundred and three hundred persons have been killed, and the crops of the Island destroyed, there being scarcely a tree left standing. It is believed that many vessels have been stranded or sunk.

Chicago, Oct. 20.

The packing house of Favorite & Son was destroyed by fire last night. Loss estimated at $100,000. Insured.

Letter from Ramshorn District.

RAMSHORN GULCH, Oct. 31st, 1865.

ED. POST: Every quartz district has some one to sing its praises, and I do not see why Ramshorn District should not be represented in the POST; so if you will kindly spare me a corner of your valuable paper, I shall be obliged by your inserting the following particulars of our leads:

The quartz of Ramshorn is all gold ore; no silver has yet been found. The first lode discovered was the California, in April, 1863; the Monitor was recorded one year later. This fine lode has been worked successfully, and has paid a large dividend. First, an arastra was employed; and then a twelve stamp mill; which last was working till stopped by the cold. The Relief, the Mormon Boy, the Eagle Bird, the Washoe, the Etna, the North Star, the Star of the West, the Henry Clay, the Christmas and the Longley, are some of the numerous ledges in the District, and would average a five-foot crevice. The crevice of the latter is eighteen feet in width at fourteen feet deep.

There is no place in the Territory better fitted for working lode mines; for there is as much wood and water as is desirable, and the quartz from the farthest claim on any of the lodes named and many others, could be hauled to a good mill site within half a mile of the shaft.

Right in the center of the lode country is a sawmill, owned by Holter & Co., which can turn out four thousand feet of lumber per day of twenty-four hours.

The gulch is about sixteen miles, due north, from Virginia City, and there is a good wagon road right to it. Any quantity of quartz is to be found in Ramshorn District—the country is full of it. A mile and a half from the mill is the town of Bagdad, in Bivins's Gulch; which, though small, is a good camp, the diggings paying well since Huffaker & Co. brought in their ditch, in July last. In many cases, an ounce to the man is being taken out, and several large nuggets over $100—one weighing over $160.

When any new discoveries take place, I will write again. In the meantime,

I remain yours, truly,
RAMSHORN.

FORBES's train of thirty or more wagons were preparing to roll out from here this morning to Montana. It is laden with flour and staples for the subsistence of Virginia and Helena folks.—*Vedette, Oct. 17th.*

PRESIDENT JOHNSON is reported to have written to a gentleman in Berlin, Prussia "I shall use my best endeavors to make my administration national, and not partizan."