

The following is the monthly summary which has heretofore been crowded out.

Monthly Summary.

Mean Barometer, 29.973
Mean Thermometer, 17.154
Mean Humidity, 61.514
Highest Barometer, 30.913
Lowest Barometer, 29.000
Highest Temperature, 58 deg.
Lowest Temperature, 24 deg.
Monthly Range of Temperature, 34 deg.
Greatest daily Range of Temperature, 31 deg.
Total Rainfall or melted snow, 1.35 inches.
Prevailing Wind, Northwest.
Maximum velocity of wind, 6.09.
Maximum velocity of wind 4 miles per hour.
No. of Cloudy Days other than those on which rain or snow fell, 7.
Number of days on which rain or snow fell, 7.
No. of Auroras, None.
No. of Solar Halos, None.
No. of Lunar Halos, One.

Proposals for Army Transportation

OFFICE CHIEF Q. M., DEPT. OF DAKOTA.
S. PAUL, MINN. NOV. 3 1875.

SEALED PROPOSALS, in triplicate, subject to the usual conditions and requirements, will be received at this office until 12 o'clock P. M., on the 20th day of January 1876, at which time and place they will be opened in the presence of bidders, for the transportation of Military supplies, &c., on the following routes in the Department of Dakota, during the year commencing April 1, 1876, and ending March 31, 1877.

- 1. Route No. 4.—Wagon Transportation from and to stations in the State of Minnesota and Territory of Dakota.
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3. Red River of the north.—River Transportation between Moorhead, Minn., or Fargo, D. T. and Fort Pembina, D. T.
4. Ferryage between Fort Abraham Lincoln, D. T. and Bismarck, D. T., and between said Fort and Ferry landing opposite thereto.

Proposals for contracts to be made separate by, and be accompanied by a bond guaranteeing that in case a contract is awarded to the bidder he will duly execute the same.
The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids that may be offered.

Notice to Townsite Contestants.
U. S. LAND OFFICE.
BISMARCK, D. T., Dec. 4th, 1875.

To the Corporate Authorities of the City of Bismarck Edmund Hackett, John W. Proctor, George A. Joy, Brutus A. Williams, Samuel H. Little, Louisa Clay, Alex. McKensie, Pennell, Michael Tipton, John W. Plummer, Dennis Hau, Nelson, John W. Mason, Samuel Wittling, J. J. Johnson, Wilson J. Gray, Charles Anderson, John Mann, and the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

The Hon. Commissioner of the General Land Office under date of November 13th, 1875, rendered the following order in relation to the contest heard at this office May 10th to May 23, 1875:

From an examination of the testimony it appears that all of the land embraced in the application of the Corporate Authorities to enter, was selected May 10th, 1875, as the site for a town, and the name they gave it was Bismarck. The N. Sec. 4-188-0, was surveyed into blocks, lots, streets, &c., the survey beginning May 20th. An outer boundary of the town, taking in the tracts in Sec. 5-188-30 and in Sec. 32-189-30, was surveyed on the 20th of May, 1875, and the number of inhabitants was estimated by the Mayor to be 900. There were at that date of hearing three churches, eight hotels seven store houses, 110 to 115 dwellings, and other buildings on said land. On the tracts in Sec. 32 dwellings had been erected, and a brick yard at which 100,000 brick were made, and the town progressed rapidly.

Hackett settled June 14, 1875, upon lot 15, Block 45, which he purchased and upon which he erected his house fronting on Main Street. He admits that he labored for the incorporation of the town, with the knowledge that his claim was within the corporate limits, and that his name was inserted in the act of incorporation with his consent. He afterwards qualified as the first Mayor of Bismarck.

Proctor settled Aug. 10th, 1875, upon lot No. 16, Block 44, purchased of the original proprietors, and built a house thereon.
Joy settled July 1875, erecting his house on the N. W. corner of 4th and M-streets.

Williams settled Oct. 8th, 1874, on a portion of the land covered by Judge Bowen's filing within the original claim of the town, as surveyed into blocks and lots, outside the corporate limits.
Jackson settled June 25th, 1875, left his claim in July, 1875, and did not return thereto for ten months. He then found town improvements on his land, and was afterwards selected as Alderman from the 1st ward of Bismarck. He made application for the use of lots and assessed as a citizen in developing the town.

Plummer settled in March, 1875, and continued to reside on the date of his cash entry No. 1, made Oct. 14, 1874. His claim is within the corporate limits of the city, but his entry was made before the Act of Incorporation was passed. The tract claimed by Plummer—N. Sec. 4 and S. 4-188-32—are not embraced in the application of the Corporate Authorities, nor within the original selection of the Townsite.

Bitling settled subsequent to the incorporation. Hackett's Soldiers' Homestead entry was made Oct. 12, 1874—long after the selection of the tract covered by his entry as a part of the City of Bismarck.
Little relinquished his claim May 13, 1875, and his D. S. is hereby cancelled.

The other pre-emption claimants, Louisa Clay, McKensie, Pennell, Plummer, Mann, Mason, Crow and Anderson, all claim settlement after the selection and occupation of the tracts surveyed and set off as the City of Bismarck.

The n-w cor. 4 and w-1/2 n-e cor. 4, Sec. 32, T. 188, R. 30, and s-1/2 s-1/2 and s-1/2 w-1/2, Sec. 32, T. 189, R. 30—having been selected, surveyed as a townsite, and occupied as such, prior to the settlement of a portion of the pre-emptors above mentioned, or of the homestead claimant, are hereby awarded to the corporate Authorities of the City of Bismarck, in trust for the inhabitants.

Lot 1, and s-1/2 Sec. 4, T. 188, R. 30, are also awarded to the said Corporate Authorities—having been selected, surveyed into blocks, lots, &c., prior to the settlement of the conflicting claimants, Proctor, Louisa Clay, McKensie and Williams.

It is held that the Corporate Authorities may enter said last described tracts, the same being a part of the town, covered by Judge Bowen's filing, but not within the incorporated limits.

The n-e cor. of the n-e cor. Sec. 5, T. 188, R. 30, is awarded to the Northern Pacific Railroad, the right of the road having attached thereto prior to the selection of the same for townsite purposes.

The Declaratory Statements of the pre-emption claimants above mentioned, except that of Plummer, are to rely held for cancellation. The Homestead entry of Hackett is also held for cancellation.
As between Plummer and Jackson, conflicting claimants for n-1/2, s-1/2, Sec. 32, T. 189, R. 30, said tract is awarded to Plummer, who settled thereon after Jackson's abandonment, and who made the first filing therefor. Plummer's cash entry will remain intact.

All parties interested in the foregoing decision are hereby notified that sixty (60) days are allowed from the date of this notice for appeal to the Hon. Secretary of the Interior.
The party or parties appealing must indicate particularly the points of exception to this decision.
FRANK MARY, Reg. Sec.
EDWARD M. BROWN, Receiver.
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