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112 for chove the see level. 3112 feet above the sea level.

2 Yellowstone, which is 500 miles in
h, varying from 500 to 1000 feet in
g; is navigable from its junction with
Missouri, at Fort Buford, to a point
site Billings.

Our object in coming to Montana was not to improve our health.

Gentlemen who are not subscribers that are in receipt of this number of the HERALD, can enjoy the privilege of reading 52 issues during the next twelve months by sending \$4 and their address

abroad that Mr. Geo. B. Bohon is con- Columbia and the Colorado, derive their nected with this paper, we take this, our principal 'sources. On its southern first opportunity of informing our pat- borders are the National Park and the rons and the public generally, that this geyser basins, and throughout its impression is erroneous, Mr. Bohon western extent many of the loftiest not being in any way connected with peaks of the range rear their mighty

We are glad to learn that the committee on the Northern Pacific Land grant has and plain. made a report favorable to the company, as it has been apparent to the most causal observer that the objections to this land grant were urged in the interest of the other Pacitic Railroads, and not in the interest of the eral public. It is to be regretted that the management of the of the N. P. Railway, in whom the people along the line have every confidence, have been embarrassed by this "dog in the manger" interference with their plans, as the necessity for pushing forward the main line will probably cause the construction of the much needed branches in this territory to be postponed for some time.

The Texas Pacific, one of the roads that instigated the attack on the Northern Pacifie land grant, is getting a dose of its own medicine. Its case is complicated by a spirit of the law.

Nine days ago Lawrence Kelley's freight teams, twelve in number, deposited at the door of the humble edifice in which the writer now sits, the material and the three presses, constituting the outfit of the BILLINGS HERALD, and of its job office. To-day we are able to present our readers with a newspaper, which, as regards its typographical appearance and the news matter it contains, will rank favorably with any in the territory. The cylinder press upon which it was printed is the only one in the Yellow-While we are already in portant receipt of the names of numerous subscribers, we trust that all the residents pleasant duty of writing us, enclosing

of this year. By that time this upper sibility of operating the works with which will irrigate every acre of the portion of Custer county will spossess a profit.

Dottom land, and enhance its value three bottom land, and enhance its value three hundred per cent. The Minnesota & hands. Custer county is of an unwieldly by the required amount of labor. accomplish that object. Custer county tude could be formed into Clark county,

Montana.

quarters at Parral, Mexico, is in the city, ments. He will make a personal inspection of the Maginnis, Barker, Butte, Clark's Fork and Helena mines with a view to interesting the capital he represents in the new field. It is stated that much of the capital now invested in Mexico and the Southwest will seek and find a far more rritory so full of promise. J. Cook, Jr. of Philadelphia, is already largely inter ested in Clarke's Fork, and New York, Boston and Philadelphia capital generally is being directed to the new Eldorado. Mr. his trenty years' experience in mining will face "slides" and deposits which are reported upon favorably and are said to found almost everywhere only wanting adequate means to be removed.

III, U. S. A., came int

Valley—Its Boundaries Defined— Grand Majestic Scenery and Majestic Scenery.

Rich Pasture Lands-The Crow Reservation -The Clarke's Fork Country-Early Prospectors.

The Musselshell and Judith Basin -Beef and Wool in Abundance.

An Interesting Letter.

Lying within the 42nd and 46th paralells of north latitude and the 105th and 111th meridians of west longitude, is ituated a region of our great domain. comprising an extent of territory as large as that of the state of Indiana, which probably has been, until the past two or three years, more thoroughly a terra-incognito than any other equal portion of the American continent.

Within the area thus defined three Inasmuch as the impression has gone Western hemisphere, the Missouri, the summits mantled in everlasting snows, while the whole region presents some of the grandest and most picturesque American scenery, in mountain, valley

The Yellowstone, (the main affluent body of water upon the southern the Alleghanies.

which the committee is inclined to hold is heavily clothed with pine, cedar and fir, the Big Horn mountains. not practicable according to the letter and the foot-hills, benches and plains everythe valleys of the tributaries uniformly present a degree of fertility unequalled

elsewhere. Extending

touched. Upon the western edge of this mineral stone valley, its capacity being 800 copies | belt are Bear Gulch and Emigrant, imin that portion of Montana lying conti- the Clark's Fork and Boulder districts tended from the eastern base of the guous to Billings, or in fact in the terri- are far the most important portions yet Rocky mountains to a meridian line tory at large, will perform the very developed in any considerable degree. intersecting the Yellowstone twenty

the co-operation of our citizens and neighbors, improved as its years increase. R, from which it will be easily accessinative grasses promises the possibility of slicep.

The requisite appurtenances one of "our boys" presented himself before the astonished kitchen maid and rendered the astonished kitchen maid and rendere ble upon the north. These mines are of the successful cultivation of crops Delegate Maginnis, on May 8th, intro- situated at the head of Soda Butte creek, without irrigation. The Big Horn with duced in the House of Representatives between the sources of Clark's Fork and its own broad valley and those of its in Washington, a bill for the re-appor- Stinking river, near the east boundary tributaries, stretching to the mountains tionment of Montena. It provides that of the National Park. They are south- of Wyoming, waters this section and its the governor and the speaker of the west from Hart mountain, and are about beautiful virgin lands offer thousands of House of Repsesentatives and the presi- 100 miles from the Big Horn mountains. splendid homesteads to the husbanddent of the council, during the last ses- The camp has been known since 1874, man. sion of the territorial legislature, be au- and the result of numerous assays thorized to act as a board to reapportion obtained from the ores, led a number of reclaimed from the ownership and members of the council and the House sentlemen in Bozeman to organize a supremacy of its savage occupants, a stock company, with a capital of \$10,000, nomadic tribe of squalid Indians, who population as it exists at the time of and send a party into the mines during make no other use of their noble possestheir assembling. When necessary to the summer of 1876, with machinery ions than to pass across them occasionsecure fair representation, they may and all the necessary apparatus for the ally in their predatory incursions upon

join two or more counties; The re-ap- erection of a smelting furnace. Late in the settlers, will give to Billings an agriportionment so made shall be forthwith the season of that year a trial "run" was cultural district unsurpassed by that surcertified to the governor, who shall issue made, and the yield in bullion exceeded rounding any other point upon the line a proclamation giving notice thereof, the highest anticipations of the pro- of the road. and the next legislature shall be elected jectors of the enterprise, but the unavoidably small capacity of the stock and the town is situated contains nearly This bill is of great interest to the resi- machinery, proved inadequate to the 130,000 acres of alluvial bottom lands dents in this portion of the Yellowstone wants of the district, and though during besides a broad area of arable bench valley. The next legislature convenes the following season another attempt lands. A canal will be brought into the in January, 1883, and the election of its was made, it was found that the ineffic- bottom during the coming summer, by members will take place in Movember lency of the apparatus precluded the post the townsite and improvment company.

six thousand in excess of the total vote the "Pat O'Hare" were the best known Montana Land & Improvement Comof the county at the election of 1880. leads, but many others were owned in the balance of power will be in our the camp, and represented each season the resources of the district and build

size, a fact of which our tax-payers are The miners were a hybrid class, many due to them for the spirited manner in so painfully aware that we will not, at of them having belonged to the garrison which they have undertaken the importpresent enter into a discussion of the of Fort Pease, part hunter and trapper, ant enterprise. North of Billings lies so many friends in this community. subject. A division of the county by the and part prospector, and led an easy, in- the great pasture lands which extend legislature next winter is of the utmost dependent life, making but one annual unbrokenly beyond the Musselshell to Yellowstone river at the foot of the Hellimportance and our veters will do well trip to the settlements for the purchase the Judith and Snowies. This vast to elect a representative who will make of a little bacon, sugar, tea and ammuni- range will support millions of cattle and the journey to Helena pledged to tion, the rifle and fishing rod furnishing sheep, and to beef and wool we may them with the main wants of life. They look forward as among our leading arti- The water power is sufficient to run five might, perhaps, have its western limit lived in tepees, clad themselves in buck- cles of export in the near future. The about the mouth of the Rosebud and the skin, and were all in all a distinctive and Musselshell contains much fine land.

remainder to the 100th degree of longi- peculiar class not met with elsewhere. and the fame of the Judith basin is too A placer mine upon Soda Butte creek, wide to need comment. The Maginnis with Hillings of course, as its county was worked by James Dewins and mines are easily reach from Billings by others, about six weeks of each season, an excellent route leading across the the slitice boxes, riffles, etc., being wide plateaus which stretch from the Mexican Mine Expert En Route to roughly fushioned out of pine with axes. bluffs bordering the Yellowstone to the Since the erection of the smelting furn- Belt range and the Snowies, and to Bilace, each year has disclosed more and lings the nearest railway point upon the more the enormous wealth of the dis- north side of the Yellowstone, the trade of Wall street, New York, with head-trict, but only during the past year have of these mines must necessarily concenthe facts become generally known and trate. The Maginnis mines, so called en route to Montana, looking up invest- recognized. The mountain sides are have been favorably known in Montana covered with a thick growth of pine and for the past two or three years, but no fir, as far up as the timer line extends, excitement has been felt regarding them 11,400 feet above sea level, beyond which until the present season. Recent assays point trees will not grow. Above shoot have shown the ores to be far riche

some of the lodes are situated. The ores are generally low grade, so far as yet tested, but miraculously rich assays have been obtained from float That which has given the camp prestige wealth and profit,

Only sufficient work has been done upon the claims, in most instances to roundings, no city in the West can boast represent them according to law, but in so fine a prospect as Billings. Comalmost every case the shafts sunk upon manding, as she does, the trade two new the so-called lodes have developed a mining districts nearly equi-distant upon degree of richness in proportion to the the north and south, and agricultural tion of officers thereof. Several gentlemen depth attained, as well as a usual in-crease in the width of the ore body. and boundless tracts of pasture lands in on Saturday evening, and after the selection

Miners' claims are 600 feet in width by the im 1,500 feet along the vein.

The only conditions necessary to the development and successful working of roads to the lodes, the only possible a far my April grown means of carrying the ores being with of the two cities mentioned. 'pack" animals.

The Northern Pacific railroad, now rapidly nearing the heart of Montana, will afford the needed outlet and crable the miners to ship their ores and the smelt ers their bullion, to the sea board. As to the agricultural and pastoral character of the country the seasons are necessarily too short to admit of the growth of any kind of crops; but timber, water and grass are abundant and of the first quality, and upon the foot-hills of the nountains thousands upon thousands of cattle and sheep will find plentiful pasturage for years to come. Rain is quite abundant upon the foot-hills and in the valleys during the summer, but upor the bald bleak peaks of the mountains tothing but snow falls at all times. In the month of August one may find upon their lofty summits drifts 20 or 30 feet in depth, and ice that probably never thaws, buried beneath the moss, the thermometer constantly ranging near

the freezing point. The Boulder mines upon the eastern borders of this great district contain many discovered lodes of rich ores and probably will prove to be not less important than those of Clark's Fork.

Many fruitless efforts have been made to prospect the region and develof the Missouri) derives its principal ope some of its many quartz ledges, but source from the Yellowstone lake, a the difficulties attending the prosecution of such work within the limits of borders of the park, 300 square miles in an Indian reservation and the many extent, and lying at an altitude far obstacles, in the way of transportation greater than that of the loftiest peaks of of supplies, have tended to effectually check the development of the mines From the lake to the point at which it The retrocession of the western part of empties into the Missouri, near Fort the reservation opens to the Yellow-Buford, the Yellowstone flows through stone valley, a mineral section un-

a region unsurpassed in the known equalled, to-day, upon the continent, world, in the weird and impressive grand tributary area, 6,000 square miles grandeur of its scenery and the rich in extent, containing within its promise offered by its virgin resources limits the elements of a future empire. of mineral, agricultural and pastoral Valuable timber, grazing and farming wealth. The mountain regions sur- lands abound upon its streams, which rounding the source of the river are take their source in the snow peaks o

The waters of all the rivers of the where produce the wonderful bunch- district are clear and pure and abound grass which has given to Montana her with trout, and its forests and plains high fame as a stock-raising country, and are favored haunts of thousands of elk, deer and antelope.

The Clark's Fork region will b from the directly tributary to Billings, from southern shore of the Yellowstone to which all points within its wide compass the Big Horn mountains, lies a mineral can be readily made accessible. The region, comprising an area as large as natural route to the district at the head that of the state of Connecticut, through- of Soda Butte creek, commonly known out which mineral bearing quartz as the Clark's Fork mines is the valley abounds as commonly as granite in New of Clark's Fork itself. One or two can England, and whose inexhaustible yous interpose, but these, already easily stores of wealth are as yet almost un-threaded with pack animals can soon be made passable for wagons.

That portion of the reservation lying along the river yet in possession of the placer mines, which have Indians is generally recognized as the steadily yielded rich returns to the garden of the Yellowstone valley. As miner for many successive seasons, but originally created this reservation ex-The Clark's Fork mines lie partly in miles west of the mouth of the Rosebud the amount necessary to properly during the next year. We promise that its subsequent issues shall not be less interesting than is this number, but rather, with necessarily become tributary to Montana in this number, but rather, with necessarily become tributary to Montana

This splendid region, when it shall be

bottom land, and enhance its value three up the new town, and much credit is

up the bald snowy peaks among which than has been before supposed, and many new discoveries have been daring

the past winter. The coming summer will witness th erection of suitable-smelting and reducspecimens, and there is every reason to tion works for the scientific treatment o believe that other lodes exist in the the ores, and an immense industry will vicinity rich in both silver and gold. be added to our many other sources of

Certainly with her unsurpassed sur-

her career full of hope and co

in her future. The same elements which contrib the mines, is a quick and cheap means to the wealth and population of rargo of transportation and the establishment and Bismarck, with many additional of local smelting works of sufficient advantages will tend to establish its capacity to profitably treat the ores. Capital is needed to construct wagon it is not extravagant to predict for it capacity to the lodes, the only possible a far my design grow in either

LOCAL NEWS

Billngs must have a post office. The Yellowstone has risen over 30 inch

Some enterprising citizen should sink artesian well on his premises. Col. V. Bausenwein went "to the front ast Saturday after a short business trip to

Miles City. Rowley & Worley sold lots in Alde Addition, to the extent of \$10,000, A the first day the sale opened.

The track is laid to the Big Horn river, and will be through the tunnel at that point by the 10th of next month. Mr. F. Olmstead acts as a general street

issioner at present, and will keep the horoughfares clean and unobstructed. W. H. Brown, Esq., of White Beaver, n town awaiting the arrival of his daughter, Mrs. F. D. Yates of Colorado.

Boots & Doheney are about to crect a arge brick building in block 110. This ouilding will probably be 100 feet in length. The city corral, which Messrs. Wheeler & Dunn have creeted in the lower part of the own, is a rather picturesque addition to

Mesers C and H Haupt, sons of Gen. Herman Haupt, general manager of the N. P. R. R., spent Sunday and Monday in own on their way to Helena. The Ripon colony, numbering over 200

cople, who are now in the valley will setle in section 29 on what is known as Valley creek.

in the streets. The engineers are now at work on the rrigating ditch, and we are informed that of track daily. ork will be pushed forward so that it will e finished by October.

came from the Black Hills, was drowned at Kurtzville recently while engaged in testing the cable at the new ferry. It would be a prudent measure, as a pro

A man known as Whisky Tom, who

ouses in the outskirts of town to plow a louble for row around their buildings. Col. Haggins is expected in town to-day

as an escort for the surveyors who go out o locate the railroad line to Fort Benton. rening the second dancing party the Cherenne Chop House. The first one was given at the Fisher house two weeks

the telegrams received, vesterday, was one from Col. Edmund Rice of Fort Keogh, stating that 65 shares of Billings street railway stock had been taken at the

Bottom left for Oregon, with the intention of purchasing a large flock of sheep and a rected here in August, and will be fur- what will "Doe" do?

new bank building just east of the HERALD office, on next Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M. Rev. B. F. Shuart will conduct the services

and deliver the sermon. We have been informed that if the improvement company find it necessary they vill extend the irrigating ditch to the next ralley, as far as Huntley; if this is carried ut, 50,000 acres additional can be irrigated.

The ferries on the Yellowstone, between & Camp. this town and Miles City, we will state for the benefit of new-comers, are at Fort Keogh, Kurtzville, Huntley and Coulson. Skiffs are used across the mouth of the Big Horn at the tunnel. The others are operated on wire cables

Capt. Wheelan will leave Fort Custer on he 10th inst. for Fort Washakee, Wyoming, where he will meet the Secretary of War and Gen. Sheridan, with whom he will proceed to the Yellowstone Park and the Clark's Fork mines. The party will eturn east by the way of Billings.

H. Clark Esq., will have his banking house open for business on the 15th inst. This institution will be in charge of Mr. George B. Hulme, whose business qualifi-cations, coupled with his urbane s ourteous manners have already won lim

A boom is about to be placed on the oing rapids, by H. Clark & Co., in the rediate vicinity of this city, where they will have five saw-mills at work ere long. saw-mills, a woolen mill and a flour mill. A story is going the rounds to the effect that a party hired one of Mr. Preston's horses which he took dow to Mr. Preston's established procured another with which he has not been heard from si short distance and sold, h

must be a cool hand. Henry Villard, Esq., the press are see bid. Provision & Worley, formerly of Northern Pacific railroad and secretary, Mr. G. Vernon Sims, isopanied charge of the location and construction of by a party of New York level. by a party of New York bankers, left New York, yesterday for the end of the N. P. will accompany to Billings.

longregational church a few nights ago are already showing by their works that they to settle in this vicinity. ntend to have an edifice soon, to worship The committee which started out for the purpose of securing funds wherewith to erect a tempory place of worship has owns severa! buildings is now loca secured \$150. The sum needed to build a Rurtzville in what its frequenters call plain structure capable of scating 100 people will probably be secured ere the end of the grown a little stout since he left the city pastor, Rev. B. F. Shuart; trustees, E. B. riquet of the "handsome Richard." Camp, A. Frazier and L. Whitney.

A Library Association Organized.

that took place last week was the organiza-

generously donated two lots to

Street Railway Company.

On the 26th ultimo, the following gentle men organized the Billings City Street Railway Company, with a capital of \$40,000, viz: Messrs. George B. Hulme, T. S. Wads-worth, and P. W. McAdow. A board of directors, comprising Col. Wheelan, Messrs, George B. Hulme, P. W. McAdow, George Alderson and T. S. Wadsworth were elected. The line of the Street Railway will be two miles in length; starting on Minnesota Ave. opposite the Engineers' Headquarters, it will run to the depot, thence along Eighteenth Street to Sixth Ave., whence it will rocced along the main street to Coulson.

Nine hundred shares of stock have already been subscribed, and parties have agreed to take a portion of the construction in stock. We understand that Mr. F. F. Kennard ha obtained the contract for the grading, and Messrs. Topliff & Co. the contract for ties. Mr. Frank Olmsted has been spoken of as likely to be the superintendent of this company.

CONSTRUCTION TRAIN, N. P. R. R., M. T. May 26, 1882. To the Editor of the Billings Herald.

Believing that your paper perfection in its make-up and newsiness aed also knowing full well that you cannot reach the aforesaid "giddy heights" of excellence without a letter from our "town on wheels," I present a few notes for the entertainment and edification of all properly appreciative readers

The iron is laid to within six miles of the Big Horn river, and we are resting, or rather rusting here,—not "all on account of Eliza," but on account of unfinished grade and lack trictly enforce the rule recently made, that of material. For some time past, ties and to tents or other structures shall be erected piles were lacking and this caused us coniderable delay. When in perfect running order we put down from one to three miles

> The steamer "F. T. Batchelor," arrived at Junction City, to-day, where she will unload, as the river above that point is too The Proper Mode of Working Locations to low for navigation. A grader named Snyder in the employ o

Edward Agnew, died at this point this morning, of typhoid fever. He arrived on Monday from Iowa and was sick during the tection against fire, for the people who own trip here. The immediate cause of death as intestinal hemorrhager Uunder the thorough and efficient man

agement of Mr. P. B. Winston, the con with a drachment of troops that will serve struction "outfit" has become the model of all others. About 250 men are employed train. A regularly ordained physician, Dr. that has occurred in Billings was held at T. H. Carroll formerly of Bradford, Pa., attends to their medical wants. A couple of pugnacious bridge-br

resterday, managed to disagree while at work on a bridge, and at some distance from terra firma. In a desperate attempt to convince each other by a knock down argument they specceded in tumbling to the ground, and finally succeeded in giving to their faces the appearance of Russian war On Monday, Mr. Nichols of Pease's map. M. L. Christy, our head clerk and general

manager is contemplating a visit to his horses, wherewith to stock his home in New York City. While we do not envy him the . 'easure to be derived from Stock yards, covering 40 acres, will be his visit still we all shall miss him, and

Two gentlemen who went to Young's her a rooster, in the following pathetic and Point, 27 miles up the river, on Monday, returned, yesterday, with 150 pounds of nountain trout, which they caught on the following pathetic and legant manner: "Mrs. Barnes, (hic) allow me to present you with this (hie) bird. My this is very essential that the location nonuntain trout, which they caught on the following pathetic and lode, name or names of locators, number of feet claimed, and in which direction from the point of discovery. It is very essential that the location nonuntain trout, which they caught on Point, 27 miles up the river, on Monday, elegant manner: "Mrs. Barnes, (hic) allow returned, yesterday, with 150 pounds of me to present you with this (hie) bird. My Religious services will be held in the statement, certain malicious individuals side of the point of 1500 feet is taken on one claim that Smith's rooster was confiscated at Kurtzville. Alas! "How frail we mortals be." More anon. T. H. C.

TOWN TOPICS.

Stationery at Delozier Moxley & Co.'s. Buy your "building hardware" of Miles

Miles & Camp sell the celebrated "Acorn

of barbed wire. If you want a good saddle horse, call on

Meessrs. Wheeler and Dunn Playing eards and poker chips at Moxley Co.'s, in the HERALD building Miles & Camp have just received a fine

line of paints, oils and painter's tools. Go to Miles & Camp, "The Pioneer hardware store", for your building hardware.

Go to Wustum & Carter's, if you want lumber, shingles, doors, windows or

Smoke the Henry Clay eigar, if you want

a good one, at Delozier Moxley & Co-'s, 'Acorn stoves" and "Charter Oak stoves"

is at Miles & Camp's hardware store. D. Moxley & Co., in the HERALD building, can supply the business men of Billings and Coulson with all articles of sta-

ionacry they may need in their offices. the irrigation ditch.

The National Hotel at Coulson of which track. H. Clark, Esq. goes to St. Paul to Messrs. Dewey & Brown are the gentlemeet Mr. Villard and his party, whom he manly and justly popular proprietors, is an excellent hostelry. The new register re-The gentlemen who organized the First ceived only a few days ago is rapidly being filled with names whose owners have com

R. L. Johnson, Esq., or as his friends call him, "Dick" Johnson, who is at old time resident of Cleveland and Detroit. week. The officers of the new society are the lakes but is still entitled to his old so

BILLINGS LOTS BOUGHT AND SOLD

that took place last week was the organiza-tion of a library Association and the clesses sell or buy Billings lots will find it to their

the night and had et by a former par enclosure, he wa of his. Daniel I. ly, who, presenting a Sharps riffe, said, Damn you if you put up those bars I will shoot you." Prestor roalizing that Leany meant what he said, called out, "Dan, don't shoot!" crouched toward the ground and partially shielded himself behind one of his herders. When Preston stooped Leahy fired, and Preston immediately fell with his head against the logs near the back door of Leahy's saloon, which abutted on the corral. As soon as Preston fell, several parties seized Leahy and held him until the officers of the law arrived, when he was transferred to their

The injured man was picked up by the bystanders, taken into Leahy's saloon, and doctors Hogg, Davie and Stickney sum-It was ascertained that the ball had en-

tered the upper third of the leg (at the thigh), passed inwards and upwards, severed the femoral artery, and torn through at the

Surgical assistance was of no avail, however, as the artery continued to gush out the life of the injured mau, and in a few minutes, Preston's life was extinct. Preston and Leahy were formerly par-

tners in both the saloon and the corral The immediate cause of the shooting cems to have been some business disagree neut, consequent upon the dissolution of

partnership. Mr. Preston leaves a wife, (daughter of B. F. Donnen, Esq., of Kurtzville), to whom he was married last winter

INTERESTING TO PROSPECTORS Avoid Litigation.

As the season for prospecting has come the following suggestions from the Mining and Scientific Press will be found valuable to those desiring to make mining location: A careless marking of the boundaries of mining claim when it is taken up is liable to make endless trouble for owners, in case the mine is rich and becomes well known. Then, when it is worth having, there are any number of people to try and establish

claim to it.

A prospector should try and find the vein of course, and that being found, should determine its general direction, by which direction he will be governed in marking boundaries of the claim on the surface. Then when he records his claim he should give the course and distance are nearly as Then when he records his claim he should give the course and distance, as nearly as practicable, from the discovery shaft on the claim to some permanent, well-known points or objects, stich, for instance, as stone monuments, blazed trees, the confluence of streams, points of intersection of well-known gulches, ravines, roads, prominent buttes, hills, etc., which may be in the inmediate vicility, and which will serve to COMMISSION MERCHANTS. nent buttes, nus, etc., which may be in the immediate vicinity, and which will serve to perpetuate and fix the position of the claim and render it susceptible of identification from the description given in the record of locations of the district.

In addition to the foregoing, the claiman or erect a monument of stone at corner of his surface ground, and at the point of disovery or discovery shaft, should fix a rost, stake or board, upon which should be designated the name of the

side of the point of discovery, or whether it is partly on one side and partly on the other side; and in the latter case, how many feet are claimed upon each side of the discovery

We have before noted these points, bu desire to impress them on prospectors who are now leginning their season's work, be-cause they are important for them to re-

member.

A recent ruling of the Commissioner of the General Land Office makes manifest the importance of great care in making and despining and marking mining claims in the tice of location for record. The Commissioner rules that an application for a minisurvey must be declined by the Mineral auty Surveyor, where the location was

uty Surveyor where the location was perly marked on the ground and re the ad when he makes such survey he ast go his field notes thereof the hearad when he makes such survey he must go his field notes thereof the bearings and dista of his corners to those cited in the survey to else in the least of his corners to those to the least of his corners to those cited in the survey to else in the survey to else in the least of his corners to those to the law of May 70, 1872, which is a laires that we will be survey to else in the location must be distinctly may ked upon the ground so that its boundaries can be easily traced," and that such description of the claim shall be given by reference to some

the claim shall be given by reference to some natural object or permanent monument, as will identify the claim. "The provisions of the law must be strictly complied with in every gase to entitle the claimant to a survey and a patent." In all cases if the location was properly made, it was marked upon the ground. If the urvey of it was properly executed it must have be within the the claim shall be given by reference to son nits thus marked, and if the marks of the Miles & Camp pride themselves for having furnished the bailding hardware for ficial field notes.—[Bozeman Courier.

Montana Potatoes

Fort Benton River News: The Butte on her down trip was loaded with 100,000 pounds of potatoes for Bismark and other points east—the first instance on record of was hardly believed that potatoes or any-thing else would fow at Benton or vicinity, and what lever etables of any kind were used here the imported and always brought an enormous price. A test, how-ever, soon demonstrated the fact that no

At a reception tendered to Henry Villard, president of the Northern-Pacific Railroed Company, at the Union League Club in New York recently by C.B.Wright, t former president of the company, Mr Villard made an address in which he set forth the plans and purposes of the Oregon Trans continental Company. The organization intends mainly to build tributary local lines through the territory traversed by the Northern Pacific railroad. Mr. Jillard further stated that in a circular which would be sent to stockholders next week these plans would be explained in ful.

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