

## Hamilton Route to Thunder, Shortest, Easiest, Cheapest.

Although the Northern Pacific people have given no sign of their intention as to whether or not they propose to adopt the Hamilton route to Thunder mountain, there is no doubt but that this trail will be well traveled by prospectors this season, beginning early in May.

Numerous parties are making preparations to go from this valley, notably the Chaffin-Watts party, of Corvallis; the Gillman-Williams and Garnett parties, of Victor; quite a number from Hamilton and many from the upper valley. Many of these contemplate enjoying a nice, little summer jaunt through the central Idaho region whether they strike it rich or not.

Parties in British Columbia, Butte and elsewhere about the state as well as in the East are making all kinds of inquiries about the Hamilton route and there is no doubt but that this route will get a good share of the travel.

The chief obstacle blocking this route at present is the crossing of the Salmon at the mouth of Big Creek during high water—after August 1st this river is easily fordable. There is just as good and safe a ford across the Salmon at the upper end of Poverty Flat, just below where the trail from Mineral Hill down the Owl creek ridge strikes the Salmon, as any along the Bitter Root river.

One mile above this ford there is a natural ferry-way across the Salmon. There the river flows slow and deep furnishing an ideal ferry-way. J. W. Nelson, of the Hamilton-Thunder mountain executive committee, has the assurance of the management of the A. C. M. Co. store people and other business men here, that they will contribute the funds to establish a ferry the moment the travel justifies the same. Meanwhile several individuals

are figuring on putting in a toll ferry at this point.

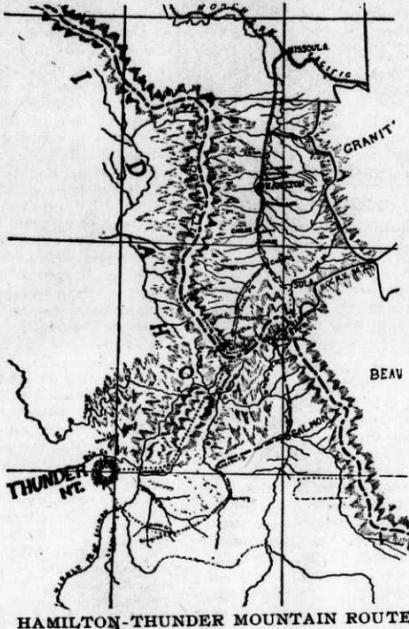
Once across the Salmon, which is crossed about twelve miles from the

trails ever go to a point nearly east of Thunder mountain. There the traveler drops down a small creek to the Middle Fork, which is easily fordable, and strikes into the new district, here having his choice of numerous trails. The trail from Mineral Hill traverses a rich bunch grass country all the way. There is also plenty of wood and water and the traveler may camp wherever night overtakes him. This is a new, wild country, alive with game and the numerous small streams teem

which is within 75 miles of Thunder mountain district.

Here in the Bitter Root valley pack animals, provisions and everything required by the prospector may be purchased much cheaper than at any other outfitting point accessible to the new Eldorado. Horses can be bought for from \$10 up and everything else in proportion. Freight can be delivered from Hamilton to the end of the road at Mineral Hill for not to exceed \$2 per hundred and can be packed from there to Thunder mountain for three or four cents a pound additional—making a total, say, of six cents and which is nearly one-half of the freight rate from any other railway point that is advertised.

The map here presented and which has been prepared with great care by the Western News is the most accurate yet made of this new and almost unexplored country. It is drawn from Rand, McNally & Co.'s official maps of the states of Montana and Idaho and other maps and reliable data at hand. It locates Thunder mountain at the intersection of the 45th and 115 parallels, just south of Vinegar hill as shown on the standard maps. The scale of the original copy from which this map was reduced was 18 miles to the inch. According to it, making fair allowance for the winding of mountain trails, the distance from Hamilton to Thunder mountain district by way of Mineral Hill is 130 miles. From Hamilton by way of East Fork and Salmon City the distance is 198 miles. From Hamilton to Thunder mountain by way of Salmon the distance is about the same as from Red Rock on the Utah Northern railway, by way of Salmon, to Thunder mountain.



HAMILTON-THUNDER MOUNTAIN ROUTE.

Monitor mine, the end of the wagon road from Hamilton, the way is easy for the traveler properly outfitted with pack animals. A well defined trail, that has been used by prospectors for half a century, strikes up over the mountain and follows the divide between Big Creek and the Middle Fork of the Salmon in as direct a course as

with trout and salmon. By following the divide, along a rolling open country, swollen streams are avoided.

Milton Hammond of Darby writes the Western News under date of April 11th that any person or parties in need of the same can get pack outfits and reliable guides at Alta, the terminus of the stage line from Hamilton and

### DON'T LET IT GROW COLD.

#### The Indian Creek Road Should Be Pushed Through.

The following letter addressed to Milton Hammond of Darby by Supt. R. L. Edwards of the Kittie Burton Gold Mines Co. of Indian Creek, Idaho, is self explanatory:

Kittie Burton Mine, Mar. 27, 1902.  
MILTON HAMMOND, ESQ.,  
Darby, Mont.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 22nd. received. Am pleased to note the interest taken in the road over your way. Will defer any definite action about the other road we are figuring on till I hear from you further. A road your way would be much the best for us, as it will bring us much closer to the railroad. The route via the South Fork of Hughes Creek is undoubtedly the best. You will have our most hearty co-operation. Please do not let the matter grow cold and let me hear from you just as soon as something definite is done.

Yours truly,  
R. L. EDWARDS,  
Manager.

### TROUBLE ALL SETTLED NOW

#### Big Blackfoot Milling Company Men Take Vanden Berg Into the Union.

Missoula, April 11.—The trouble between the Big Blackfoot Milling company and its men, which grew out of the employment of C. G. Vanden Berg, has all been settled. The men claimed Vanden Berg was not a friend of union labor and demanded his discharge. When their demands were not acceded to they quit work. An agreement was later made that the men would return to work, and that the Vanden Berg matter would be the of future investigation and action. Vanden Berg had tried to get into the union, but his application was denied because of his alleged enmity toward labor. Tonight the Carpenters' union at a meeting decided to allow Vanden Berg to become a member.

### District Court Adjourns Until April 28th.

#### Grub Rustlers Get Thirty Days—Hartley Goes to Reform School—Two More Misfit Marriages—Cases Set For Trial.

Judge Webster convened district court here Monday. The following business was transacted:

State of Montana against Chas. Alexander, Tom Adair, and B. A. Grush, charged with burglary. On motion of the county attorney defendants were granted leave to plead guilty to petit larceny. Judge Webster then sentenced each of the defendants to serve 30 days in the county jail at hard labor.

State of Montana against Harry Hartley, who was arrested for stealing. The court ordered him to be sent to the Reform School at Miles City, there to remain until he becomes 21 years of age. The boy is now 17 years old.

Divorces were granted plaintiffs in the cases of Mattie Greek vs. Elmer E. Greek, ground of non-support, and Geo. W. Payne vs. Helen Payne on the ground of desertion.

Emil Magni, a native of Sweden; Chas. Edwards and Wilfred Henry Thorning, natives of England, were granted final citizenship papers.

Joseph La Caff vs. Henrietta and Geo. Jones, continued for term.

State of Montana vs. J. W. Reeley, charged with gambling. Plead not guilty. Bail was fixed at \$200.

Octavia Green vs. Wm. Green, divorce. Dismissed as settled.

P. W. Fann vs. J. K. Squiers, J. D. Watts and Chas. Buck. Debt. On motion of counsel for plaintiff case was dismissed as settled.

#### CASES SET FOR TRIAL.

State of Montana vs. J. W. Reeley, misdemeanor, set for Monday, April 28th at 10 a. m.

State of Montana vs. Harry Williams, larceny, April 28th.

W. P. O'Brien vs. Jerome and Elizabeth Bray, debt, Tuesday, April 29th.

R. C. Smith vs. Joshua James, Appeal from Justice Court, April 29.

Emma Erfman vs. C. C. Wright, as constable, Appeal from Justice Court, Wednesday, April 30.

Western Loan & Savings Co. vs. Frank K. Parmenter and Mary Parmenter. Foreclosure proceeding, April 30.

Geo. F. Johnson vs. James Haigh. Ejectment proceedings. Thursday, May 1.

Supply Ditch Co. vs. William Alford. To determine right to water. Friday, May 2.

Anderson Bros. vs. C. L. Allen. Debt. May 2.

August Christian and others against John Sears and others. To determine status of water rights in Mill creek. Monday, May 19.

A regular venire of 20 trial jurors was drawn and ordered to report on Monday, April 28, at 10 o'clock a. m. Court adjourned until April 28.

### Fans Eager For the Fray.

The local base ball fans are getting eager for the fray. Negotiations are under way for several games. Next Sunday the Hamiltons and a Grantsdale team will cross bats on the home grounds. The line-up of the Hamilton team as finally agreed upon is:

C.—Adams S. S.—Smith  
P.—Warren L. F.—Place  
1st b.—Porter R. F.—Chambers  
2nd b.—Scott C. F.—Young  
3rd b. and field captain—McMurphy.  
The boys have already done some good practice work and are in fine form. The new pitcher, Warren, is a wonder. The home team is working hard and is deserving of every encouragement from the people of the town and in return it will no doubt do itself proud.

This week the boys have cleared off the grounds and moved the grand stand to the rear of the plate. Wire netting will be stretched across the open front of the grand stand and which will serve as a back-stop. When match games are played an admission of 15 and 25 cents will be charged and which will be devoted to defraying necessary expenses of the team.

### The Candidate.

He cometh up like a flower and retireth from the race busted. His friends fill him with false hopes and atmosphere. He swelleth like a toad and thinketh the earth is his'n. He smileth upon all mankind and sloppeth over with humor. He kisseth the children and scattereth his microbes among innocent babes. He privately cheweth a clove when he meeteth a preacher and as he converseth with him he standeth to the leeward and curbeth his breath as with a strong bit. He roeth home late at night to his weary wife with a beery breath and cold feet. He riseth up betime and hiketh forth without his break' fast, saying "I go to a man." The dead beat lieth in wait and pulleth his leg to a queen's taste. He "nailleth a lie," but before election he runneth short on nails. He giveth liberally to the church. He sudscribeth a goodly sum to the band, contributeth to the poor whose house was burned, sendeth a small keg hither, and a large keg thither, he yieldeth up his substance with apparent alacrity. After election he goeth back to the barn and kicketh himself and teareth his hair and calleth himself a Rotterdam fool.  
—Exchange.

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