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JUNCTION CITY,

Its Past History—Present Condition and Future

Prospects.

From 1877 to 1883.

Junction City, deriving its name

from the fact that it was the Junction

of several stage lines, and near the

conjunction of the Big Horn with the

Yellowstone, is situated in latitude 46

north and longitude 107 west, of

Greenwich, in the south eastern por-

tion of Montana, about 200 miles from

the eastern boundary of the territory

and in the extreme eastern portion of

Yellowstone county. It contains some

70 buildings and about 300 inhabi-

ants, is built on a low strip of land, on

the banks of the Yellowstone river,

and sheltered on the north and east

by a series of bluffs and high table

lands, while the river bounds it on the

west and south, and across the stream

is the Crow reserve.

The town is the outgrowth of a

former Indian trading post, established

in the fall of 1877, by Paul McCorm-

ick, as a branch of his then Miles

City house, and for some time it was

the only business house in that portion

of Yellowstone valley, and depended

almost entirely upon the Crow Indian

trade for its support.

William Taylor built the first house

within the present town limits, on the

table lands, in June '77, and in con-

nection with two other pioneers, built

and operated the ferry now owned by

Brown, Davis & Co.

The Cantonment, just below the

town on the opposite side of the river,

was built in summer of 1877, by the

government as a warehouse for unloading

and storing freight transported by

steamboats up the river, to supply

troops then stationed at Ft. Custer.

It was named in honor of the present

commander of the Dakota department

of the army, Terry's Landing.

The building of this cantonment

materially assisted the growth of Junction

city, and with the advent of the

steamer "Far West," loaded with

freight for the landing and settlers at

this point in summer of '77, it enjoyed

quite a boom, and from that time built

and settled up rapidly.

As early as 1876, Huntley & Clark

secured the contract to carry mail

between Ft. Keough and Bozeman,

and a postoffice was established at

Etchetah, a few miles below the pres-

ent town site, but in '78-9, Joe Allen,

then postmaster, moved the office to

Junction, on his own responsibility,

and as several parties raised consider-

able comment about his so-doing, he

remarked that "if there was any law

to prevent him from moving the post-

office at will he would return it."

In July, '78 Gilman & Saubury

secured the mail contract and put on

a complete stage line outfit of Concord

4-horse coaches, and located one of

their home stations at this point; and

in a short time Junction City was

known up and down the river as one

of the liveliest places on the line and

has held its own up to the present

time.

To relate the experiences of some

of the old stage drivers on that once

popular yet hazardous line, several

of whom we are personally acquainted

with, would fill a good sized octavo

book; all the hardships known to

pioneers these drivers experienced, and

besides took chances every trip with

road agents, Indians, and miserable

pieces of roads, that would make a

"pilgrim" tremble to think of passing

over, and on reaching the home

station the boys would congregate,

bring out the old banjo and fiddle, and

the times they had will ever live in

their memory as of the best in the

territory.

Junction City, at the present time

is in every sense a junction--located

at the conjunction of the Big Horn

and Yellowstone, and so situated that

several mail routes have been estab-

lished with it as one of the terminal

points. The mail from the east and

west arrives daily by the N. P. railroad,

and the Rock creek country mail

arrives daily by stage line. The mail

from Maiden and Maginnis arrives

tri-weekly, as also the Etchetah mail.

At present Junction City is so situa-

ted as to have but little chance for

future growth, although these are quite

a number of buildings now in course

of erection, but undoubtedly ere long

the Crow Indian reservation will be

thrown open to settlement, and then

the finest town-site in eastern Mont-

ana will be at their disposal—"just

across the river upon the other shore"

—with a fine tributary country, pro-

ductive in agriculture, timber, rich for

grazing, and even rich in mineral, and

as soon as this change is made the

future of Junction City is settled, and

it is bound to make one of the best

and finest located towns on the river.

It is the most direct route from the