NEW NORTH-WEST.

DEER LODGE CITY, FRIDAY, DEC. 24.

METEOROLOGICAL RECORD.

ALTITUDE 46° 40 m LONGITUDE 112° 40 m.
ALTITUDE 4,260 feet.

1869	7 A M	2 P M	9 P M	AV'GE	REMARKS.
Dec 17	13°	25°	18°	22½	Cloudy, S wind
" 18	16	18	0	11½	" N "
" 19	-3	13	10	6½	" and calm
" 20	09	10	04	7½	" "
" 21	4	11	04	6½	Cl'dy and calm
" 22	12	21	11	15½	" and calm
" 23	12	31	30	24½	Cloudy S W wind

Weekly average 13½°, with about 4 inches of snow in the valley—not enough for good sleighing yet. G. S.

LOCAL NEWS.

Catholic Services.

ON CHRISTMAS DAY, DEC. 25th.

Religious Services will be held as follows:
At 5, A. M., First Mass.
At 8, A. M., Second Mass.
At 10½, A. M., Third Mass.

The Cedar Creek Mines.—On Tuesday we "interviewed" Mr. Chas. Cusson, of Frenchtown, Missoula County. The topic was "Cedar Creek." He has been there. Here is the result:

THEIR LOCATION.

First: they are *not* in the Couer d' Alene range, as reported, but in the Bitter Root range. The Couer d' Alene Mountains are 100 miles distant. It is 74 miles from Missoula to Louisville—the new town. You follow the Mullan road 52 miles beyond Missoula, turn to the left, cross the Bitter Root River, and thence up Cedar Creek. The last 15 miles is a trail. It is not a bad one, and a wagon road can be easily made. There are no hills of consequence. Seven miles above the mouth of Cedar Creek the North and South Forks have their confluence.

ABOUT THE MINES.

The mines are on the South Fork, the lower line of Barrett's District being 1½ miles above the junction. Prospecting is now going on on the North Fork, and prospects have been found. Barrett's District is 10 miles square. The Recorder's office is Discovery, 8½ miles above the lower line. On Dec. 12, 132 claims had been recorded above 103 below discovery. District have also been established above and below Barrett's. There are 3 kinds of claims—Creek, Gulch and Bar. The Creek claims are 200 feet on the gulch, and on either side to an altitude of 9 feet above the water level. Then come Bar claims, and, as we understand it, the Gulch claims are on the side gulches.

THE LAY OF THE LAND.

Discovery is up within four miles of the mountains. It is only five miles across the range to the St. Joe diggings in Idaho, where eight or ten men were working last summer. There was no snow snow at Discovery on Dec. 19th. Four miles above, it was 2½ to 3 feet deep. Cedar Creek is from 12 to 15 feet wide. It it now flowing about 400 inches of water and will flow 1000 inches in the spring. It does not empty any water into Bitter Root river. Three or four miles below the forks *it all sinks*. The gulch is in a canyon, with rugged, precipitous sides, the hills being very high on either side. The width of the gulch varies from 20 or 30 to 200 and 400 feet. Throughout its entire length it is very densely timbered with Cedars of enormous size, many of them having a diameter of 6 and 7 feet. The country on either side is dense forest, with open country at the head of the gulch. The dirt is from 2½ to 6 feet, all gravel, no boulders, slate bed rock, and plenty of fall.

DISCOVERY.

The discovery was made by Louis Barrett and another Frenchman or two whose names are at open hostility with English orthography. They had been prospecting for four months, and nearly three months ago opened the discovery on Cedar Creek. They sunk a hole 2x6 feet 2½ feet to bed-rock, and panned out of the hole $249. They have since abandoned this and located 2½ miles above, where they are washing with pans. They endeavored to keep the matter quiet until spring, but in sending out for friends, the "strike" obtained publicity, and on the last day of November a party of stampeders left Frenchtown at 7 o'clock in the evening. On the 12th, between 200 and 300 men remained there, double that number having gone in. Louisville had several houses just started, and men were prospecting all the gulches in the vicinity.

Mr. Cusson saw $5 in the pan washed out. He has considerable experience in mining. We asked his opinion of Cedar Creek. "He thought they were good mines." "As good as Alder?" "No." "As good as Last Chance?" "Better." If the reports are half true it is wonderfully rich. The shallowness of the ground and the plentitude of water, indicates rapid working—and exhaustion. But other gulches will likely be discovered, and the facility with which the ground can be worked will, with its reported richness, make money plenty, and build up a large town speedily. The ground is now laid over until May 15th, 1870.

Dec. 24.—All the letters we have seen or received, all the persons who have returned from Cedar Creek, concur. The first reports are sustained—even more than that. The gulch is claimed to be a second Alder. No new strikes are reported.

A GRAND STAMPEDE

is now going on and is increasing every day. It is to Lane & Emmerson's famous Metropolitan Billiard Hall, Deer Lodge City, and it is the unanimous opinion OF 1000 MEN

that this Bar prospects better than any other yet discovered. About

AN OUNCE TO THE HAND

is a fair average, although fabulous runs have been made. This is much better than going

TO CEDAR CREEK!

Meade's Road.—On next Monday or Tuesday "Brad" will spin Huntley's coaches over Meade's new road. It is 6 or 7 miles long, level, sheltered and well graded—about 3 miles of grading having been done on it. It shortens up the Blackfoot road one mile, and the direct Helena road 6 or 7 miles. There is one bridge—70 feet—over the Blackfoot. Mr. Mead has had nine men employed for the past two months, and the Missoula stampede comes in just right to remunerate him for the heavy outlay.

☞ DRY GOODS BY EXPRESS.—Tootle Leach & Co. receive every week by express and fast freight, direct from St. Louis and New York, the latest styles of Ladies' Dress Goods. Remember the house; Broadway, Helena.

Out of the Depth.—One of Deer Lodge's distinguished attorneys was brought to task the other day by a witness whose feelings had been somewhat hurt by some rather rude questions which the attorney had asked him when on the stand, during a recent trial—such as "How much do you get for testifying in this case?"

Said the attorney, on being held to account, you should not be offended at me about this. You see, my friend, I am a lawyer; that's my profession, and I want to win my cases. Your testimony was rather rough on me, and I wanted to throw some discredit upon it. That was my play. I'll do almost anything to win a case for any client who has entrusted me with his business. Why, to win a case, I'll offend the girl I love as the apple of my eye."

"Well, now," said the witness, "with that explanation I understand you, and it's all right now. You see I was pretty well raised, and, at the time, you made me mighty sore. My kind old father was a good, peaceable, and respectable man, and therefore never would have anything to do with courts or lawyers. He taught me that a lawyer and a gambler were about on the same footing. When I grew up I concluded I did not want to work, and had some notion of making a lawyer of myself, but by accident I got to playing with "paste-boards," fell in love with them, and turned out a gambler. I have spent about all the little patrimony the old gentleman left me in that way, and I have finally learned that a fellow can get to do a'most anything to win. Whenever I think I can get away with it, I'll raise a hand steep on any one. In fact, 'a'most anything to win,' is my motto, too. But, my friend, you're a little worse than I am. I know a little girl that if I thought "ringing in" a cold deck on the meanest enemy I ever had, would make her angry or sad, either, I'll be d——d, sir, if I'd do it."

He dropped his head for a moment, and seemed to be meditating and considering the matter more fully, and then, as if to himself, repeated emphatically, "No, SIR, I'LL BE DAMNED IF I'D DO IT!"

The attorney was non-suited for about the first time in his life.

First in Peace; First in war, First place to go in the morning, and the last place to leave at night is the

KIYUS SALOON, 3 WOOD ST., HELENA.

Beverages—*par excellence*.
Cigars—finest in Montana. Easy. Comfortable.
Kiyus.

Quartz Strike at Cable.—For several months a company consisting of Messrs. Cameron, Aiken and Jacobs have been prosecuting a heavy piece of work in the vicinity of the Cable mine. They sunk a shaft 93 feet deep on the Thomas claim, and then drove a prospecting tunnel along the wall rock 400 feet in a direction west of north. On Tuesday, Dec. 14, they struck a body of quartz, and have exposed a face of 18 feet, at a depth of 180 or 190 feet. The ore is of the same character as the Cable, and if the belief of experienced miners, that there is only one lead there, is correct, it is Cable. However it will take some time for the Cable company to demonstrate that fact. Mr. Cameron is Superintendent of the Hanauer Mill—20-stamp—now standing ready to crush from the word "go." The prospecting tunnel is being enlarged, all ore will be delivered for reduction shortly. The shaft is only about ¼ mile from the mill, the ore coming down hill. Eleven men are at work. When the Hanauer mill starts up, as it will, you will know where the quartz is coming from.

TAKE NOTICE.

☞ All persons indebted to WALKER & BRO. are requested to come forward and settle immediately. Having closed out Business, all accounts must be settled within ten days. J. S. WILSON.

Deer Lodge City, M. T., Dec. 17th 1869. 24-3t

Notice to Merchants.

Your attention is called to the following amendments to the Internal Revenue laws.

"1st. Retail dealers in Liquors shall pay "twenty-five dollars: Every person who "sells or offers for sale foreign or domestic "distilled spirits, wines or malt liquors in "less quantities than five gallons at the "same time shall be regarded as a Retail "dealer in liquors.

"Wholesale dealers in liquors shall each "pay one hundred dollars. Every person "who sells or offers for sale foreign or do-"mestic distilled spirits, wines or malt liq-"uors, in quantities not less than five gal-"lons at the same time, shall be regarded as "a wholesale liquor dealer."

Under this law the Commissioner has ruled that persons doing business under a Wholesale liquor dealer's license only and selling spirits, wines or malt liquors in less quantities than five gallons at the same time, are liable to a retail liquor dealer's license of twenty-five dollars; also, persons or firms doing business under a retail liquor dealer's license and selling more than five gallons at the same time are liable to a wholesale liquor dealer's license and shall pay therefor one hundred dollars. Every person or firm liable under the provisions of this Act, is expected to make application to this office for such additional license as they may require within ten days or suffer prompt prosecution at the expiration thereof.

GEO. W. IRVIN,
Ass't Assessor.

When Court convenes, all hearts exult.
All litigants alike
Are sanguine when their cause comes on.
They're bound to make a *strike*,
But law's uncertain—juries too—
And verdicts, although fair,
Are rarely such, the winner can
Do more than "scratch" a *sparc*.
But *strikes* and *sparcs* are common, both,
In the "Excelsior" Court.
"Johnny" and "Dan" have shown the boys
That "Tom'Pine" is their forte.

For a nice game go to the Exhibition Alley, Main Street, Deer Lodge.

Strike near Blackfoot.—We are indebted to Mr. Dick Dickerson for information that a discovery was made Dec. 14 on a gulch—named Illinois—one half mile from Blackfoot City in the direction of Deer Lodge. The discoverers were John McDonald, Geo. Young, Patt Carr, Dennis McCoy, and A. McAnangary. Twenty claims were staked the night of discovery. As high as 10 mills cts. to the pan were found. There is 16 feet of dirt, 8 feet pay-gravel. Miners here conjecture that it is the old Ohio gulch to which there has been several previous stampedes. Ohio gulch runs against the Cut Off ditch to feed the SLUICES.

The North-West Transportation Company.—We have received the following circular from Sam De Bow:

To the Merchants of Montana Territory:

The North-west Transportation Company, in addition to their Steamboat Line from Sioux City, have made arrangements with Chicago & Northwestern and Union Pacific Railways, and their connections, for a Fast Freight Line from St. Louis, Chicago, and all points East, to Montana Territory, Helena by giving shippers their choice of routes.

Through Bills of Lading will be given either by Rail or the River from the East to Helena, Virginia City, Deer Lodge, and other points in the Territory.

This Company will have ample warehouse accommodations at the point of transshipment on the Union Pacific Railway to store all freight and expedite the loading of teams. Our arrangements are such that Trains will be in readiness to remove all freight as fast as received, and deliver the same without delay.

Having received a liberal share of the business of the Territory in the past, we trust that these additional facilities will insure to this Company the continued support of its friends.

SAM. DE BOW,
General Agent.

Sioux City, Dec. 1, 1869.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

We have decided to have a settlement with all our customers, on or before the first day of January, 1870. ALL ACCOUNTS on our books will be cut to that date, and THEY MUST BE SETTLED either by cash or note before new ones are opened. Those having claims against us, will present them immediately for payment.

J. S. PEMBERTON & CO.

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ZIMMERMAN & ROBINSON,
No. 5 Wood street, Helena.
THE MOST SUPERBAN RESTAURANT IN MONTANA,
The resort of all epicures,
ZIMMERMAN & ROBINSON

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Stages to Cedar Creek.—Mr. S. S. Huntly writes us that he has established a tri-weekly line of passenger and express stages from Helena and Deer Lodge to within 16 miles of the new mines. As soon as the road can be stocked better it will be increased to half daily. The fare from Helena is $40. from Deer Lodge $25. Time from Deer Lodge two and a half days.

☞ FOR RENT.—A suit of five Rooms, now occupied by the Sun Point Gallery, Elect Bridge, will be rented from Dec. 12th, 1869 to May 15th, 1870. Large Rooms, conveniently situated, well finished and lighted, suitable for offices, business, or dwelling. Terms Reasonable. Apply soon.

A. F. THRASHER,
19 tf Photographic Artist.

—No School next week.

—Coal oil is $2. per gallon.

—Legislature still in session.

—All a yarn—Christmas stockings.

—Keeps open house to day—Harris.

—A big day out—A Christmas open.

—Something to make light of—Coal oil.

—Court is adjourned to meet on Monday.

Grove sells wood, stove length, at $8 per cord.

—"Laid over until next spring"—All Business.

—"When the swallows homeward fly."

—All day Christmas.

—Christmas Stockings ought to be well heeled this morning.

Greenbacks rate at from ninety cents to par, in Deer Lodge.

—30 horses of stampeders down at Bailey's old ranch on Wednesday night.

—About seventy or seventy five men have left Deer Lodge for Cedar Creek.

—Worden & Higgins are buying large quantities of hay and oats at Missoula.

—We understand there will be a Grand Ball at the Scott House on New Years Eve.

—Oats have gone, in Frenchtown, from two cents to ten cents, and in Missoula from two to six cents, since the rush.

—The stampeders from Helena to Missoula have averaged twenty per day for the past ten days. We get this from Mr. Meade. They have to go through there, and get counted.

—The question as to which, Mr. Purvine, or Capt. Plaisted will get the lease of the Philipsburg Mill is not yet determined. Mr. Jas. Stuart is now at Philipsburg and will determine the matter.

PRICES REDUCED.—Hair Cutting 25, shaving 25 cents, in greenbacks. Fine assortment of gents' Collars, Neckties on hand, at PLUMMER'S OCCIDENTAL BARBER SHOP, Main Street, Deer Lodge.

EXCITEMENT.

The latest reports from Helena report a Stampede to the Kan Kan Restaurant. All hands struck it rich, and a big steak is guaranteed to everybody.

Crazy.—Daniel Boyce was brought to Deer Lodge on Thursday from Moose Creek, certified by citizens of that place to be insane. He is about 25 years of age, rather prepossessing, and not violent. He talks to spirits, has a mortal fear of cats, and says "the dutch are coming out of the haystacks to hang him." As there is danger of his running off in one of his frights and perishing, he has been placed in jail, is under medical treatment and kindly cared for. Dr. Frost believes his insanity is due to excessive use of tobacco, and has barred the use of the narcotic. There are now two insane men in Deer Lodge whom the County Commissioners have to take charge of, and there are no means or facilites for the purpose. We notice Dr. Mitchell has introduced a bill to that purpose, and trust it may be good and become a law.

Painting and Glazing.

The subscriber, formerly located in Deer Lodge, is prepared to do House Painting, Graining, Glazing and Fresco Whitewashing in workmanlike manner and at moderate prices. Shop in rear of Boswell & Lane's. Orders left there promptly attended to.

WM. H. TURNER.

Prodigal.—A young man came down last night from Bitter Root, on Thursday, on invoice of valuable produce, poultry, etc., for the Holidays. The following are his selling rates: Chickens $2.00 per doz. or $1 each; Fresh Butter, 60 c's to $1 per pound; Pork 17 to 20 cts. dressed; Turkeys, 25 cts. per pound. Persons in want of any of these articles can obtain information and find Mr. B. ready to dispose of the same at above rates, or will trade the same for anything in log.

Sunday Ball.—On Monday evening last, Dec. 27th, there will be a social hop at the Court House. We are requested to say that no special invitations are given. A general invitation is extended. Guess the boys and girls are all going. We collected little different ones of the latter and found them all engaged to nineteen indifferent ones of the former. Struck it rich on No. 20. Bring on your good nature and smiles, and "Let's be gay, and banish sorrow."

☞ Just received at R. Lansing & Co.'s the latest novelties, Helena, a fine lot of Woolen Dress Goods, Cloaks, Sacques, Furs, Caps, Muffs, Ladies' and Children's Hats and Bonnets, and other desirable and fashionable goods.

I. O. G. T.—On Thursday evening a number of gentlemen, including Messrs. Irvin, Dixon, Jones, and O'Rourke, met in the NEW NORTH WEST office for the purpose of taking preliminary steps to organize a Good Templar's Association in Deer Lodge.

It was not a success—so to speak.

☞ WANTED.—A First Class, Saw Shingle Machine. Parties desiring to sell, address or apply to

DANCE & STUART.

Deer Lodge, M. T.
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The death of Col. W. E. Richardson, at Blackfoot on Monday morning last, has called forth universal expression of sorrow. He was possessed of many noble qualities, and won all hearts by his courteous demeanor and generous nature.

☞ Mrs. T. B. McKINSTRY'S BOARDING HOUSE, D Street, opposite Court House, Deer Lodge, will be opened for the reception of Regular and Transient guests Monday noon, November 15th.

Board, per Week, $12.50, Currency
Single Meals, 1.00, do.

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Apologetic.—This office is short a hand this week—stampeded. Hence no Court Report, article on Postal Routes, Local Communications, Chronological Record, New Ad's, etc, unavoidably held over—will be O. K. in a day or two.

NEW BARBER SHOP, next door to Scott House Shaving and Hair Cutting done in first-class style. Customers are guaranteed a smooth, easy shave. Drop in.

P. SHAFER.

DIED.

STEEL.—At her residence, Myrtle avenue, Helena, Dec. 17, 1869, Eva R., wife of George Steel, aged 21 years.

MCPHERSON.—At his residence, Allen Grove Cottage, Lancaster, Ont., at 3 o'clock p. m. on Saturday, the 18th instant, John McPherson, Esq., aged 74 years.

KANOUSE.—In Helena, on Sunday, the 19th instant, from heart disease, Willie Houser, son of J. A. and Sarah A. Kanouse, in the 16th year of his age.

RICHARDSON.—At Blackfoot City, Dec. 22, 1869, of congestion of the brain, W. E. Richardson.

MARRIED.

CALHOUN—HERSEY.—On Dec. 9th, 1869, at Christ Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Mr. Edward S. Calhoun, of New York, (formerly of Montana) to Miss Alice M. Hersey, of Bridgeport.

Dry Goods, Groceries, Etc.

J. B. WILCOX, OF ST. LOUIS. — D. B. HALDERMAN DEER LODGE.

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(Successors to D. B. Halderman,)

Deer Lodge City, Montana Territory,

Have in store a complete assortment of

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES!

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They have in store, and are now receiving,

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a large assortment of Provisions, including DRIED FRUITS, and all kinds of

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A superior article of

Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Molasses, Sauces,

of every variety.

Brandy, Choice Old Shawan Ky. Whisky,

PORT, SHERRY, CHAMPAGNE, CORDIALS,

and all articles usually kept in the Liquor and Grocery line, to which the attention of the

Wholesale and Retail

trade is invited.

J. B. WILCOX & CO.

Deer Lodge City, Sept. 22, 1869.

R. W. DONNELL, S. ED. LARABIE
Helena, M.T. Deer Lodge City.

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CITY STABLES,

KEIGHER & RYNE

Helena, Dec. 1, 1869.

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will offer for public sale at the Court House in Deer Lodge City, Deer Lodge County, Montana Territory, on Monday, the 24 day of January, A. D. 1870, all Lands or improvements of Land, on which the Taxes for the year 1868, or any previous year, have not been paid. The sale will commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. of said day, and will be adjourned from day to day (Sundays excepted) until all the lands or improvements thereon are sold.

The following is a list of lands or improvements upon which the taxes have not been paid, together with the amount of tax, interest and costs now due thereon.

NAMES.	Description of Property.	Territorial Tax.	County Tax.	Special Road Tax.	Poor Tax.	School Tax.	Bridge Tax.	Interest.	Publication.	TOTAL.
		$ C	$ C	$ C	$ C	$ C	$ C	$ C	$ C	$ C
Barnett, W S	1 storehouse in McClellan gulch	7 20	16 25	2 00	2 05	5 45	7 20	6 25	4 35	56 04
Byrne, J	1 house in Gilmore place	2 05	5 50	2 00	1 00	1 60	2 05	2 77	1 60	18 47
Dupuy and Stevenson	1 Livery stable, west side of Main street, Beartown	3 74	9 35	4 00	1 97	2 60	3 74	5 10	3 06	33 06
Hanauer Mill	Hanauer Quartz mill, Cable City	47 60	160 60	...	30 00	40 00	60 00	60 00	41 40	455 40
House, E S	1 dwelling house in Pioneer City	96	2 40	...	48	72	96	1 10	48	7 20
Henry, Fred	1 improved ranch opposite mouth of Bear gulch	1 60	4 00	2 00	80	1 20	1 60	2 44	1 35	14 79
Hotel, I X L	I. X. L. Hotel, Red Mountain City	80	2 00	...	40	60	80	92	56	6 08
King, E	1 house on 2d street, nearly opposite Keiser's Hotel, Cable city, one house 1st above Hautoon's store, and ½ of 1 house opposite Hays Stable, all in Cable city									
Levy, J C	1 store house at Spring Gold, Lincoln Gulch	4 76	11 90	...	2 38	3 56	4 76	5 85	3 32	36 77
Lloyd, T C	1 house, known as the Magnolia Saloon, Phillipsburg	10 48	26 60	2 00	5 00	7 00	10 48	12 36	7 41	81 57
Montana Hide & Fur Co	1 house in Blackfoot City, formerly used by the Montana Hide and Fur Company	80	2 00	...	40	60	80	92	56	6 08
Ottinghouse & Co	1 house at Silver Bow now used by Thos Robins as a Hotel	4 28	10 75	...	2 15	3 22	4 30	4 94	2 97	32 62
Olson, E	1 house and lot in Pacific City, McClellan gulch, used as a shoe shop	80	2 00	...	40	60	80	92	56	6 08
Plaisted & Co	1 Quartz mill at Cable city	3 20	8 75	2 00	1 75	2 60	3 20	4 42	2 88	29 20
Ray & Hendry	1 Quartz mill at Cable City known as the Ray and Hendric mill	84 40	211 00	...	42 20	63 20	84 40	97 06	58 22	649 58
Schlamel, Jacob	1 log house on west side of Main st. Deer Lodge City, 1st door south of old Independent office	80 00	75 00	2 00	15 00	22 50	30 00	34 60	20 94	230 34
Sargent, William	1 house south side of Main street, Phillipsburg	80	50	2 00	16	15	20	23	38	4 16
Sapinig, Daniel	1 improved ranch on Beaver creek, near Lincoln now owned by Rynell & White	80	2 00	...	40	60	80	92	56	6 08
Tinson, William	1 house in Emmettsburg	2 00	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 50	2 00	2 70	1 68	17 88
Vincent & Meyers	1 house and lot in Pioneer City	40	1 00	4 00	20	30	40	1 38	78	8 26

H. C. FREDRICKSON,
Treasurer and Collector of Deer Lodge County, M. T.

Deer Lodge City, M. T. Dec. 8, 1869.

United States Mails.

MONTANA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
Washington, September 30, 1869.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 3 p. m. of March 1, 1870 for conveying the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1870, to June 30, 1874, in the Territory of Montana, on the routes and by the schedules of departures and arrivals herein specified. Proposals submitted by March 14, 1870.

16001 From Helena, by Dennison, Dearborn, (local,) Fort Shaw, and San Biver, to Fort Benton, 146 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Fort Benton Thursday by 12 m,
Leave Fort Benton Thursday at 1 p m,
Arrive at Helena Sunday by 6 p m.

16002 From Virginia City, by Meadow Creek and Sterling to Gallatin, 60 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Virginia City Friday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Gallatin by 6 p m.
Leave Gallatin Wednesday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Virginia City by 6 p m.

16003 From Helena, by Canyon Ferry and Downieville to Diamond City, 40 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Diamond City by 5 p m,
Leave Diamond City Tuesday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Helena by 5 p m.

16004 From Helena to Wallula, Washington Territory, 600 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Wallula in twelve days by 7 a m,
Leave Wallula Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Helena in twelve days by 7 a m.

16005 From Virginia City, by Junction, Meade, Sheridan, Jefferson Bridge, Grove Star, Milk Ranch, Boulder Valley, Jefferson City and Prickly Pear to Helena, 125 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Virginia City Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Helena in 36 hours,
Leave Helena Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Virginia City in 36 hours.

16006 From Helena, by Gilmore, Blackfoot City, Deer Lodge City and Gold Creek to Missoula, 250 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Missoula third day by 6 p m,
Leave Missoula Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Helena third day by 6 p m.

16007 From Virginia City by Stone's Precinct, Nevada City, Sheridan, Ryan and Montana to Bannack City, 72 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Virginia City Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Bannack City next day by 5 p m,
Leave Bannack City Wednesday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Virginia City next day by 5 p m.
Bids for three-times-a-week service invited.

16008 From Helena to Unionville, four miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Helena Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 9 a m,
Arrive at Unionville by 9 a m,
Leave Unionville Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12 m,
Arrive at Helena by 3 p m.

16009 From Helena, by Silver City, Trinity Gulch—local—Brady Range, (local) and Pingan Gulch, (local) to Georgetown, (local) 40 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Georgetown by 7 p m,
Leave Georgetown Tuesday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Helena by 7 p m.

16010 From Bannack City, by Fort Lemhi and Salmon City, to Leesburgh, 112 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Bannack City Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Leesburgh Wednesday by 6 p m,
Leave Leesburgh Thursday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Bannack City Saturday by 6 p m.

16011 From Helena by Springville, Radersburgh, Gallatin City, Hamilton, Moore's Store, (local) and East Gallatin, to Bozeman City, 112 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Bozeman City Wednesday by 6 p m,
Leave Bozeman City Thursday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Helena Saturday by 6 p m.

16012 From Gold Creek, by Bannack City and Philipsburgh, to Helena, 95 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Gold Creek Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Helena next day by 5 p m,
Leave Helena Wednesday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Gold Creek next day by 5 p m.

16013 From Virginia City, by Stanley, Willow Creek and Springville, to Helena, 105 miles and back once a week.
Leave Virginia City Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Helena Wednesday by 6 p m,
Leave Helena Thursday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Virginia City by 6 p m.
Bids for three-times-a-week service invited.

16014 From Cave Gulch, (local) by Eldorado Bar (local) to Helena, 30 miles and back once a week.
Leave Cave Gulch Tuesday at 8 a m,
Arrive at Helena by 6 p m.

16015 From Helena, by French Bar, Cave Gulch, (local) Grand Neck to Radersville, (local) 35 miles and back once a week.
Leave Helena Monday at 8 a m,
Arrive at Ruby City by 5 p m,
Leave Ruby City Tuesday at 8 a m,
Arrive at Helena by 5 p m.

16016 From Helena, by Wood's Gulch, (local) Jefferson City, (local) Tiffin, to Reynolds City, (local) 35 miles and back, once a week.
Bidders to state distance and propose schedule of departures and arrivals.

16017 From Helena City, by Wood's Gulch, (local) Jefferson Gulch, (local) and McClellan Gulch, (local) to Lincoln, 30 miles and back.
Leave Helena City Tuesday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Lincoln by 1 p m,
Leave Lincoln Wednesday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Blackfoot City by 6 p m.

16018 From Silver Bow, by the south side of the Gregson Valley Gulch, (local) to the Gulch of Warm Springs Creek, (local) thence down Pilot Creek to Deer Lodge River, 30 miles and back once a week.

16019 From Beaverhead City, down Beaverhead river to the junction with Big Hole or Wisdom River, thence down Big Hole or Wisdom River to Pass to Three Forks, and thence down Deer Lodge river to Deer Lodge City, 160 miles and back.
Bidders to state distance and propose schedule of departures and arrivals.

16020 From Beaverhead City, down Beaverhead river to the junction with Big Hole or Wisdom River, thence up said river to Big Hole City, thence to Pass to Three Forks, and thence down Deer Lodge river to Deer Lodge City, 180 miles and back.
Bidders to state distance and propose schedule of departures and arrivals.

16021 From Red Mountain City, by Bear Gulch, (local) Bear Lake Gulch, (local) Cable City, Bear, (local) Bear Lake Gulch, (local) Red Mountain City, 30 miles and back once a week.
Leave Virginia City Monday at 7 a m,
Arrive at Virginia City in four days.

16022 From Helena, by Lewiston to Walla Walla, W. T., 470 miles and back once a week.
Bidders to propose a schedule of departures and arrivals.

16023 From Radersburg, to Willow Creek, ——miles and back once a week.
Bidders to state distance and propose a schedule of departures and arrivals.

16024 From Helena to Muscle Shell, 280 miles and back once a week.
Bidders to propose schedule of departures and arrivals.

16025 From Stormsville to In Poh, ——miles and back once a week.
Bidders to state distance and propose schedule of departures and arrivals.

16026 From Virginia City, by Twin Bridges, Rochester, Silver Star, German Gulch and French Gulch, to Deer Lodge City, 130 miles and back once a week.
Leave Virginia City Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Deer Lodge City Wednesday by 6 p m.
Leave Deer Lodge City Thursday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Virginia City Saturday by 6 p m.

16027 From Missoula Mills to Frenchtown, 20 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Missoula Mills Monday at 6 a m,
Arrive at Frenchtown by 12 m,
Leave Frenchtown Monday at 1 p m,
Arrive at Missoula Mills by 7 p m.

INSTRUCTIONS;

Containing conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper.

Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for opening and examining the mails.

No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions, not satisfactorily explained three times the pay of the trip may be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture.

Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or the affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from, or deliver it into, a passenger; for suffering it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed or lost.

The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract; for violating the postoffice laws, or disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when requested by the department to do so; for assigning the contract without the assent of the Postmaster General; or for transporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail.

The Postmaster General may order an increase of service on a route by allowing therefor a *pro rata* increase on the contract pay. He may change schedules of departures and arrivals in all cases, and particularly to make them conform to connections with railroads, without increase of pay, provided the running time be not abridged. The Postmaster General may also discontinue or curtail the service, in whole or in part, in order to place on the route a greater degree of service, or whenever the public interests, in his judgment, shall require discontinuance or curtailment for any other cause; he allowing as full indemnity to contractor one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with, and a *pro rata* compensation for the amount of service retained and continued.

Payments will be made for the service by collections from or drafts on postmasters, or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say in November, February, May and August.

The distances are given according to the best information; but no increase of pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points to be supplied be correctly stated. *Bidders must inform themselves on this point.*

Bidders are requested to use, as far as practicable, the printed form of proposal furnished by the department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them.

Each bid must be guaranteed by two responsible persons.

The bid should be sealed, superscribed "Mail Proposals, Territory of Montana," addressed "Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office," and sent by email, not by or to an agent; and postmasters will not inclose proposals (or letters of any kind) in their quarterly returns.

The contracts are to be executed and returned to the department by or before the first of July, 1870; but the service must be begun on the day, or on the next mail day thereafter, whether the contract be executed or not. Transfers of contracts, or of interests in contracts, are forbidden by law, and consequently cannot be allowed. Bidders will therefore take notice that they will be required to perform the service accepted to them, through the whole term of the contract.

Section eighteen of an act of Congress approved March 3, 1845, provides that contracts for the transportation of the mail shall be let, "in every case to the lowest bidder tendering sufficient guarantees for faithful performance, without other reference to the mode of such transportation than may be necessary to provide for the due celerity, certainty, and security of such transportation. Under this law, bids that propose to transport the mail with "celerity, certainty and security," having been decided to be the only legal bids, are considered as providing for the entire mail, however large, and whatever may be the mode of conveyance necessary to insure its "celerity, certainty, and security; and no others will be considered. Except in the case of railroad and steamboat routes, bids offering any part of the service in conveyances deemed unsuitable, or to be supplied with such unsuitable conveyances, or to be performed on a longer time than advertised, are to be treated as bids of no responsible offer, the last hour for receiving bids. Making a new bid, with guarantee and certificate, is the only way to modify a previous bid.

Postmasters are to be careful not to certify to the sufficiency of guarantors or sureties without knowing that they are likely to be able to meet their liabilities; a dishonored bill of exchange by Postmasters is a violation of their oath of office, and subjects them to immediate prosecution. All officers, contractors, and carriers are strictly enjoined that on all failures to enter into or perform the contracts for the service proposed for in this notice and bids, their legal successors will be endeavored to be enforced.

Postmasters, contractors, and persons known of the department, must, equally with others, procure guarantees and certificates of bids, sufficient, substantially in the forms above prescribed. The certificate of sufficiency must be signed by a postmaster, or by a judge of a court of record; no others will be admitted.

JNO. A. J. CRESWELL,
Postmaster General.

W. C. Copelandon & Bro.

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