

The Bismarck Tribune

Bismarck, D. T., June 27, 1877.

THE CUSTER ROUTE.

A Minneapolis View of the Route to the Black Hills.

Col. John H. Stevens, of the Minneapolis City Council, presented to the council at a recent meeting, the following report on the routes to the Black Hills: To the Honorable the City Council of the City of Minneapolis.

The special committee to whom was referred the following motion: "That a special committee of three be appointed by the Chair to inquire into the expediency of any steps being taken on the part of the city in securing a portion of the emigration over what is known as the Custer Route to the gold fields of the Black Hills, and to report to the next meeting of the Council."

Would respectfully report that they have considered the subject matter in all its bearings, and find from the best and most authentic reliable information that the so-called Custer route to the golden fields of the Black Hills, has facilities for emigration that no other route or way possesses; and for these reasons:

First—The distance from Chicago, Milwaukee, or for that matter, from any of the Atlantic cities over the Custer route is much the shortest. It is less liable from depredations of the Indians. It requires less time by several days to make the journey. It is attended with much less expense. There is railroad communication all the way from the Atlantic ocean to Bismarck, on the Missouri river, which is only two hundred and eleven miles from Deadwood, the present center of the rich mines of the Black Hills, and from which a line of stages makes the distance in thirty-six hours, and the road is laid out through a country that has picturesque scenery, with woodlands and never-failing supply of excellent wholesome water, as well as different varieties of grasses which always afford abundant food for stock. The road in most seasons of the year is in excellent condition, while the line of stages already established on that route will compare favorably with those in use at this time in any part of the Union.

Second—The advantages of this route over all others, in addition to what has been already stated, are the rare opportunities offered in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Bismarck for obtaining outfit, supplies and mining utensils necessary for use in the Black Hills, thus saving the cost of transportation over a long stretch of country of these articles so necessary to emigration. Goods of every character can be purchased in these cities at prices which cannot fail to be satisfactory, and which are manufactured or imported for the special use of miners and for emigrants who are bound for the Black Hills.

Third—The several lines of railroads over which the emigration to the Black Hills will pass via Bismarck, are in complete order. The roadbeds are in excellent condition, while the cars and coaches are all of a first-class character. The distance from Chicago to Bismarck is only 650 miles, and the time is made in forty-eight hours by rail between the two cities; thus by making close connections a person can reach Deadwood from Chicago in three days and a half.

In relation to other routes to the Black Hills, your committee would simply remark that from Fort Pierre to the base of the Black Hills, the distance is 160 miles; to Deadwood 200. Route hilly and rough, difficult to travel, necessitating lightly laden wagons or carts. Wood and water for camping purposes scarce, and emigrants obliged to carry these articles some greater portion of the way. Boats from Sioux City, or Yankton, run very irregularly, there being no established line from these points up the river. It is well known that the river from Yankton to Fort Pierre is the most difficult to navigate of any portion of the Upper Missouri. Passengers will be usually delayed at Yankton from one to three days waiting for boat, to which add the time necessary for the trip up the river from four to six days, and the expense of board while on the boat, it can readily be seen that it would take longer and be more expensive after a person arrives at Yankton, to go to Fort Pierre, than it will to go from Minneapolis or St. Paul to Deadwood.

The route is through that section of country occupied by hostile Sioux, and emigrants are liable to be attacked by them.

From Yankton to the base of the Black Hills, the distance is 340 miles, thence northwesterly to Deadwood, 100; wood and water frequently carried by emigrants to avoid suffering. The route is difficult to travel, and is attended with danger from attacks from the Indians.

The Sidney route is so universally condemned by every one who has traveled it, that it is deemed unnecessary.

The Sioux City route is the same as via Yankton, except an increase of about 80 miles in distance.

The Cheyenne is perhaps the better way for the emigration from the Pacific States, as much travel will be avoided from that point east, in order to reach Bismarck.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. STEVENS,
D. WAITT,
ELWOOD S. CORSER.

What's the Difference.
"Mary," said Smythe the other morning while chipping the shell from the breakfast egg, "What is the difference between you and I?"

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held at the County building in the City of Bismarck

on Friday, A. D. 1877, commencing at 9 A. M.

and closing at 4 P. M., at which said election a vote

of the county shall be taken whether the sum of

Three Thousand Dollars shall be raised for the purpose

of constituting a Cash Fund, for the expenses of

the County Jail and Court House, and for furnishing

wood and water for the County buildings, the

general expenses of the County, and for the purpose

of making such a fund absolutely necessary.

Dated June 11th, 1877.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

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JOHN H. RICHARDS, Co. Clerk.

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