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Hi Heather,

I am a member of Hailey's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), and have also been working as a volunteer for the past 2 1/2 years in the Regional History Department of the Ketchum Community Library. One volunteer project I have been working on is the transcription of early Wood River Valley news papers (circa 1881) from microfilm to word documents. So far, I have transcribed copies of the Wood River Times (published in Hailey and dealing mostly with Hailey issues) from June 15, 1881 through mid-September 1881.

At the most recent meeting of the HPC, the HPC decided to make copies of the transcriptions of the Wood River Times available to the City of Hailey (with the City having full editorial decision-making authority regarding what to use) for inclusion of historic news items in the City of Hailey newsletter.

I have received approval from the Community Library Regional History Librarian to make the transcriptions I have completed available to the City of Hailey, with the proviso that any articles used by the city give credit to the Community Library. Such credit would mention "The Community Library Regional History Department, Ketchum, ID."

The attached file contains some samples of the news articles I have transcribed. Should you wish to have access to all of the transcribed news articles, I can copy them onto a CD and drop them by your office.

You can reach me by e-mail or by phone at 788-3338.

Andrew Carey

JULY 20, 1881, PAGE 3

Jottings.

The Bullion street bridge (in Hailey) is still in the dangerous condition noted last week.

The new hotel (in Hailey) was opened yesterday. It's a shame it was not opened sixty days ago. The town would be much larger.

J. U. Burns, an old fireman, is endeavoring to organize a fire department in this city. He says that there is plenty of first-class material here, and expects to have a company organized [shortly.]

Quite a number of Haileyites make a habit of rising early and going to the river to catch a mess of trout for breakfast. They say that early in the morning the fish bite much better than later in the day.

A stage is to be put on the road, in a day or two, between Hailey and Bullion. It will make two trips each way daily. If the people of Hailey think the matter over they will conclude to patronize this new line altogether. There is no advantage to us in patronizing the other lines.

Robert E. Strahorn, chief of the literary bureau of the Union Pacific Railroad, is on Wood river, engaged in gathering information for his forthcoming book on the resources of Idaho Territory. This work will be published with the official sanction of the Territorial government, the Legislature defraying the expenses of publication. It will appear in September. Twenty thousand copies will be printed.

THE MINERS' HOSPITAL.

An Institution Which Will Grow With the Country.

Dr. Miller has engaged in an enterprise which will prove a great convenience to this section, viz.: the construction of a hospital for the reception of all sick persons, but especially those suffering from the effects of mineral poisoning. In this section of lead mines and smelting works, many persons will get "leaded," and require special treatment, as very few physicians are competent to treat such cases, and this is wherein will be the great advantage of the institution referred to.

The hospital is being erected at Smith's Springs, Croy gulch, about a mile and a half from Hailey. It will be large enough for present wants, and enlarged as required. It will be ready to receive patients about the 1st of August, and after that [date] Dr. Miller will make two visits there each day, and oftener if necessary.

All miners and furnace men who wish to enjoy the benefits of the hospital in case of sickness can secure the privilege of the same on payment of \$1 per month. This small sum will pay for board, lodging, nursing and medical treatment at the hospital. Non-subscribers who go there will be charged probably not less than \$3 per day. The advantage of subscribing is therefore plain.

The institution will be known as the Miners' Hospital.

HAILEY'S WELFARE.

The Committee Devising Measures to Promote It, to Report Next Saturday.

About a week ago, the citizens of Hailey held a meeting at which Mr. Childs, the chairman, was directed to appoint a committee of ways and means to advise measures for the furtherance of the general interests of the town. A day or two afterward Mr. Childs called citizens together, when Messrs. Canaday, Oldham, Greenhow, Banfield and J. H. Burns were announced as the committee.

The committee went to work with a will. They located a new road between Hailey and Ketchum, in the bottom above town, which will shorten the distance between the two towns a mile or two, and improve the grade. This can be done at a cost of \$150. They also made a preliminary survey of a new road to the Smokeys, via Croy's gulch, which will be found much more [desireable] than that to Ketchum via the West Fork (Warm Spring creek); and have concluded that an additional water supply and a system of reservoirs for use in case of fire, was needed.

Other recommendations will doubtless be made at the meeting which will be held for the purpose of receiving the report of the committee, in the dining room of the new hotel, next Saturday evening, the 23rd instant, at half past 7 o'clock.

After the Indians.

We learn that the War Department has ordered Colonel Bernard's command, stationed at Camp McDermitt, to proceed to Duck Valley, for the purpose of preventing the Indians on that reservation from joining the renegades in Bruneau, and Colonel Stone's infantry company left here yesterday to drive out those who already are in the Bruneau valley.—Boise Statesman.

Ketchum Items.

Complaint is made that letters from Bellevue are sometimes as long as 10 days in reaching Ketchum.

The population of the town is only about 250, but a large number of prospectors and miners in the vicinity draw their supplies from the town.

The Ketchumites are sanguine of getting the county seat. They expect to poll 200 votes at home, and look for 300 more from Galena, Sawtooth, the Smokeys, and other precincts.

Residence lots can be located one block from the Main street, at a cost of only \$5—of which \$1 goes to the recorder and \$4 to the town fund, from which the cost of digging [wells], surveying, platting, and procuring a United States patent for the townsite will be paid. Locators are required to fence their lots within 30 and build within 90 days. The lots have a street frontage of 55 feet. The new locations average about seven per day.

GALENA—SAWTOOTH.

The Wagon Road Over the Range Nearly Completed—Two Mills for Sawtooth.

Dr. Cortright, one of the stockholders of the Lucky Boy, Pilgrim, Beaver, Columbia, and other Sawtooth mines, stopped in town last week on his way back from the railroad, where he went to meet his wife, on her arrival from her home in the East, and he dropped into the TIMES office, in company with I. N. Knight. Developments are being pushed rapidly, Dr. Cortright said, in and around Sawtooth City. The Company in which he is a stockholder have purchased "Stamps" Anderson's toll road franchise between Galena and Sawtooth, and are building the road as fast as men and money can do it. The road is now [completed] to within three-fourths of a mile of the summit, although the company have only been at work twenty days, and nearly half of it is therefore done. The grade is the nicest seen and does not exceed 27 inches to the rod, and the divide is reached with only a mile or a mile and a half of extra travel, as compared with the length of the trail. The road will be ready for teams by the 1st of august, but it will not be in good condition before next year.

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Jottings.

[There] will be a ball in the new post[office] building to-night.

There is more drunkenness in Hailey whiskey than in that of any other city in the world. Haileyites must have the best of whiskey, as of everything else.

The new [postoffice] is nearly ready for occupation. It is a handsome two story building. The lower storey will be devoted to the postal service, and the upper to the residence of the local Nasby, George W. Parsons.

Contrary to the custom of settlements in mining countries, the Hailey graveyard was started with the corpses of men who died with their boots off. It is located on the east side of Main street, and about a half mile south of the TIMES office. It would have been located further from town, but it was feared that the Bellevueites would simply claim it as theirs unless it was kept within range of Hailey's guns.

Ex-Major General John B. Winters arrived in Hailey last Saturday. General Winters is an experienced [mining] man—one of those stirring organizations whose younger years were divided between fighting the Indians and developing the mineral resources of the country. In the earlier days of the Washoe excitement, which led to the development and extraction of hundreds of millions of dollars contained in the great Comstock lode, his name was a power—and it will be again—for he has come among us to stay.

OUR FIRST SMELTER.

It Is Started Up Permanently—Bullion to be Shipped by the Car-Load.

The Wood River Smelting Company started up their furnace, near this city, at 11 o'clock last Monday night. At 5 o'clock Tuesday morning it was charged: three hours afterward the first bar of bullion was made, and by 7 o'clock last [night] 43 bars were stacked up outside the works. Since then the output has averaged five bars per hour. The bullion is of a much higher grade than that of the first run. The ores run through are from the Star mine, two miles south of this city, the Fearnought, about a mile west of here, the Carrie Leonard, in the Smokey district, and the Elkhorn, near Ketchum. About 350 tons are on hand at the smelter, and a supply sufficient to keep the smelter going is contracted for. The same is the case with the fluxes and charcoal. Of the latter alone over 100,000 bushels are contracted for. A car-load of the new bullion will be shipped to-morrow or Friday, and other car-loads will follow in quick succession.

“How long will you keep running, sir?” asked the TIMES reporter of Mr. Falk, the President of the smelter, [last] evening.

“Forever, sir,” answered Mr. Falk.

The smelter will therefore be run like H—ades (new version), “for ever and ever.”

LONG FELT-NEED SUPPLIED.

The Merchants', a First-Class Hotel, Opened in Hailey.

The Merchants' Hotel, which was opened in this city last Thursday, fills a long-felt need on Wood River—that of a place where mining experts and intending investors could find comfortable quarters. Heretofore visitors to this section have been compelled to put up with such accommodations as could be obtained in illy-constructed log houses, and many who would have come here have been deterred from coming on that account.

The Merchants' is a three-story building, 30x60 feet, and stands on the best corner lot in town. It has 35 rooms, furnished as elegantly as could be done in the short time since work was commenced upon it. The carpenters began work on the 20th of June, and on the 20th of July, 30 days later, it was completed. Dolman & Co., the proprietors, are recently from Denver, and are thorough hotel men. They propose to double the size of the hotel within 60 days.

FIRST DEATHS IN HAILEY.

Michael Kelly and Moses Haynes the First to Pay Nature's debt in This City.

Michael Kelly, whose hair was white with the snows of at least sixty winters, was brought to Hailey a week ago last Monday, from Broadford, where he had been suffered to remain on a pallet in the open air, and was housed and put in the charge of Dr. Miller. He was suffering from pneumonia, and lingered until Saturday, when he died. He came to Wood River from Idaho City a few weeks ago.

He died penniless. As no one in town would bury him and hold the county for the coin, a collection was made to defray the funeral expenses. The sum of \$62.50 was realized and paid out as follows:

Coat and pants for deceased	\$10 00
Digging grave	5 00
Laying out and washing corpse	5 00
Team to graveyard	5 00
Teaming the box to the grave	50
Remarks at the grave	2 50
Coffin and burial	30 00
Headboard	<u>4 50</u>
Total	\$62 50

The inscription on the headboard was as follows: "M. Kelly, aged 60, died July 23, 1881."

Mose Haynes Dead.

M. P. Haynes died in his big saloon tent, in Hailey, at half past 1 o'clock last Sunday afternoon, of general debility. He had been sick three years. Mr. Haynes has been in every mining camp in Nevada and Utah. He came here from Elko early last May, and erected a mammoth tent opposite the express office where a vast crowd congregated nightly to play at the various games or listen to the vocal and instrumental musicians. He did not feel well when he came, but his temporary prosperity cheered him up, and for a few weeks he looked like himself again. When the rush of prospectors subsided by their going into the hills, his receipts fell off very rapidly, and he became somewhat embarrassed financially. This so preyed on his mind that he took to his bed—since which time he has not stood on his feet. In his latter-days Mr. Haynes was very ill-humored, and scarcely allowed any one to wait upon him. His friends wished to have him removed to some house where he could be taken care of but he positively refused to allow himself to be taken out of his tent, and died at the time above stated, with only a thin mattress between himself and the ground.

Deceased was born near Syracuse, Onondauga county, N. Y., and was 56 years old. He left a wife in Elko, Nev., but neither children or property. His game and saloon outfits will not suffice to pay his local debts. He was buried at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon, in the Hailey graveyard, a purse of \$400 having been raised by J. N. Banfield to defray the funeral expenses. His remains were followed [to] their last resting place by a large concourse of citizens, Messrs. John Allen, A. Sterritt, George W. Faylor, Richard Widmer, F. Johnson and George Randolph acting as pallbearers.

OUT OF LUCK.

The Boise Stage Upset on One Trip, and Robbed on the Next.

The Bellevueites cannot be blamed for it, of course, but the fact remains, nevertheless, that the Boise stage line to Kelton and Hailey has been having a hard time of it of late. Last Thursday morning the Kelton stage upset near Souls' Rest, and S. Hardin, of Prairie City, Oregon, sustained a slight fracture of the arm bone above the wrist. Mrs. Leonard, of Ketchum, was on [board with] her three children. The youngest, an infant three weeks [old], was [hurled] from its mother's arms, but caught by Sol Hasbrouck, and saved from harm. None of the other passengers were hurt. The stage reached Boise on time.

Stand and Deliver.

Scarcely twelve hours after the same stage was robbed on its out-going trip, near the identical spot where it upset, in this wise: A man behind a big rock thrust out a gun and ordered: "You _____, throw out that box." The driver threw out the Wood River treasure box, and drove on unmolested. The [passengers] were not disturbed. All [that] the box contained was \$600 sent by Nathan Falk, of Boise, to his brother, David Falk, one of the [three] owners of the works of the Wood River Smelting Company, near [Hailey.] Hon. John Hailey and somebody else started out after the robbers. For most of the above information the TIMES is indebted to the Idaho (Boise) Democrat.

The Lightning for Hailey.

Under the above caption the TIMES, some five weeks ago, published the details of the then proposed organization of a company to connect this town by telegraph with the wires of the Western Union Company at Kelton. The plan was to organize an association having a capital stock of \$30,000, one half of which should be paid up before work began, the remainder on completion of the line. This company has been organized, with Mr. Fell, of Ogden as President, Mr. Moberry, of Kelton, as Treasurer, and Mr. C. B. Caldwell, Traveling Freight Agent of the Central pacific railroad, as Secretary, each of the gentlemen named taking \$3,000 worth of stock.

Mr. Moberry was up here last week, consulting our business men. Some stock was taken, but not enough to insure the building of the line. Mr. Moberry left for Ogden and Salt Lake last Saturday, to enlist the capitalists of those cities in the enterprise. If he succeeds, the line will be here by the 1st of October.

A New Industry Near Hailey.

Mack Short, a recent arrival here from Boise, has started a lime-kiln near Smith's Springs, in Croy gulch, and will henceforth supply Wood River with home-made lime. But he will not confine his operations to this section, as he expects to make a much better article than can be procured anywhere in this Territory. Cy. Jacobs, of Boise, has promised to assist in [introducing] the lime in Western Idaho. He has already agreed to take 800 bushels as soon as it is burned, and will send teams out from Boise in a couple of weeks to haul it in. Mr. Short expects to fire up under a kiln in about a week.

The Bridge in Good Condition.

The bridge across the river at the base of Carbonate Hill, has been undergoing repairs for a week past. During that time the cribbing has been strengthened, the approaches improved, the whole bridge covered with three-inch planks, and a curb placed on each side. It is now in splendid condition, but heavy teams had perhaps better continue to ford the river for a few days longer, until the job is complete.

A Superior Article.

A couple of bottles of beer were sent to this office by ... Kohlepp, of the City Brewery, yesterday, for inspection. The typos of the TIMES, who are experts in the matter, say the article can't be beat anywhere. (*end of column 4, begin column 5*)