## GAZETTEER

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

## MONTANA TERRITORY.

Argenta, Beaver Head Co, PO 15 miles north of Bannack, is, as its name implies, a silver mining locality, also gold, lead, iron, and copper bearing veins are found. Such veins are numerous in the vicinity, and have been worked with good success, but still the wealth of the district may be regarded as undeveloped.

Ball S, carpenter
Bryan William, blacksmith
French George D, postmaster, and general merchandise
Smith W, stock dealer

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Bannack City, Beaver Head Co, P O and County seat, 150 miles southwest of Helena, is situated on Willard or Grasshopper Creek, a tributary of Beaver Head River, and is the locality of the discovery of gold which incited exploration leading to further discoveries and the organization of the Territory of Montana. The gold placers have been its chief support, yielding largely from the date of their discovery in 1892, though of late years showing signs of exhaustion. During the diush times of mining, Bannack was the principal city of the Territory, and was its first capital, which like the mines, followed the rushes to new placers, and was successively located at Virginia, and again at Helena. The developments of vein mining in the vicinity have been quite important, a large number of lodes being opened with satisfactory results. Gold, silver, lead, and copper are produced. The treasure product for 1872 was over \$300,000, of which \$50,000 was in silver. There were also shipped to the East in the same year over 100 tons of lead builton. These developments assure the permanence of the town, and give promise of a bright future.

Bishop C L, liquor saloon
Bowman Charles, wagon maker
Brown Georgo M, carpenter
Crow J B, butcher
Dart George, tinsmith, and hardware
Denar W H, carpenter
Dunlaps F, drugs and medicines
Farlin William L & Co, groceries
Goodrich W C Mrs, hotel
GRAETER A F, agent Wells Fargo & Co
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GRAETER A F & CO, general merchandise
Harley James, brewery
Kepler Joseph, watch maker
Leavitt E D, physician
Mead C, attorney at law
Murray A & Co, blacksmith
Otis H G, general merchandise

Adobetown, Madison Co, P O address
Virginia City
Carey and O'Brien, general merchandise

Agency, Missoula Co, P O 27 miles n of
Missoula
Dooley John G, sutler
Tesson L S, postmaster

Argenta, Beaver Head Co, P O 15 miles

Peck Bros, liquor saloon
Pond H S, carpenter
Roe Isaac & Brother, bankers
Smith Mrs H A, milliner
Stapleton G W, attorney at law
Taylor George, shoe maker
Trask C O & Son, general merchandise
Watson Thomas, blacksmith
Wright A F, postmaster
Wright & McMean, groceries and provisions

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Beartown, Deer Lodge Co, P O 50 miles

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Abacall J & Co, general merchandise
Brown L, general merchandise
Fisher & Garland, hotel

Kroger C, brewery

Lannan John, butcher

Manton, Denis, postmaster, and general merchandise
Manton S E, hotel

McCabe C A, general merchandise
McElroy James, attorney at law

McQuestion A B, liquor saloon

Morse G W, butcher

Pilkey Jos, blacksmith
Pilkey Paul, liquor saloon

Shemell J, boots and shoes

Beaver Creek Lefferson Co, P.O.

Beaver Creek, Jefferson Co, P O Robb D B, lumber Rogers John W, postmaster

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Beaver Head County. Organized in 1864. Bounded on the north by Deer Lodge and Missoula Counties, east by Madison County, and south and west by Idaho Territory. Area, 4,250 square miles. The total area of fand under cultivation, about 10,000 acres. Assessed valuation of property for 1874, 8533,060. County seat, Bannack. Principal towns: Argenta, Bue Wing, and Vipond. The county is exceedingly mountainous, the summit of the great Rocky chain forming its northern, southern and western border, and within its limits are the extreme sources of the mighty Missouri. The rich placers of Willard Creek were discovered in 1862 and at once attracted a large population. These were the first discoveries of the prectous metals in Montana, and lead to important results. The county also has the honor of leading in the discovery of silver-bearing velnes, of which a large number have been found, chiefly in Argenta, and Vipond districts from 15 and 30 miles north of Bannack, and in Blue Wing district a few miles east. Mountainous ridges ramify throughout the county, giving many fine milling streams, but rendering intercommunication difficult. The Big Hole and Beaver Head rivers rising nearly as far west as the 14th meridian are the principal streams, which after receiving many branches join and form the Jefferson, the main fork of the Missourl.

Officers: George L. Batchelder, Probate Judge; William Peck. Clerk, Recorder, and Auditor; Alexander E. Mayhew, District Attorney; J. C. Metlin,