

the value at about half of its real worth. County seat, Helena, which is also the capital of the Territory. Principal towns: Clarkson, Fort Shaw, Silver City, and Unionville. Resources: both mineral and agricultural. Although the smallest county in the Territory, it contains the greatest number of inhabitants, and the assessed valuation of its property is almost double that of any other. The mining section is chiefly limited to the southern portion of the county, in the neighborhood of Helena, at which place extensive operations on quartz and placer mines are carried on, and a large amount of gold is annually extracted. The northern portion is a fine grazing and agricultural district, embracing the western side of the fertile valley of the Missouri River, which flows along the eastern boundary, thirty-five miles in length by five in width, affording farms to a large number of people. Sun River, both sides of which are expected soon to be included within the county, is a fertile region, having some 300 farmers well established. Extreme cold at times prevails, but the winters are dry and open, and although stock suffers much, it is wintered successfully without care.

*Officers:* N. Hilger, Probate Judge; John N. Heldt, Clerk and Recorder; Joseph K. Toole, District Attorney; Seth Bullock, Sheriff; J. F. Taylor, Treasurer and Tax Collector; S. C. Ashby, Assessor First District; J. C. Douthill, Second District; E. Lewis, Third District; George B. Footte, Surveyor; S. C. Ingersoll, Coroner; David Searles, Superintendent Public Schools.

### Lincoln, Deer Lodge Co, P O 65 miles n of

Deer Lodge City  
Baker J V, general merchandise  
Culp D W, general merchandise  
Ench Matthew, blacksmith  
Rose Alfred P, postmaster

### London City, Madison Co, P O address,

Jefferson Island  
Buford & Coraly, general merchandise  
Gogert & Tanner, general merchandise

### Lovell's, Beaver Head Co

Estes Sim, hotel  
Ryan J M, groceries  
Willey C F, agent Wells, Fargo & Co

### Madison County. Organized in 1864.

Bounded north by Jefferson, east by Gallatin and Wyoming Territory, south by Idaho Territory, and west by Beaver Head. Area, 5,100 square miles. Assessed valuation of property in 1874, \$1,387,138. Taxes collected 1873, \$50,150. Paid into Territorial Treasury 1873, \$9,505. Population about 3,000. County seat, Virginia City. Principal towns, Adobetown, Nevada, Sheridan, Sterling, and Twin Bridges. Resources, mineral and agricultural. High mountains, broad and fertile valleys, and noble rivers diversify the surface. The summit of the Rocky mountains forms the southern border, and the Tobacco Root, Snowy Crest, Madison, and Ruby ranges radiate through the interior. These are great storehouses of treasure, of which it has yielded, it is estimated, about \$50,000,000 from Alder Gulch alone, there having been taken between thirty and forty millions dollars in gold. The great product has been chiefly from the placers, which are measurably exhausted, but innumerable quartz veins exist, bearing gold, silver, lead, and copper, which will give permanence to the mining industry. The placers, however, still continue to yield largely, and contribute a fair proportion of the \$3,666,438 gold taken from Montana in 1874. The principal valleys are the Madison, Jefferson, Willow Creek, Passamari, Red Rock, and Big Hole. These are large, fertile, possess a comparatively mild and very healthy climate, and contain farms in an excellent state of cultivation. The Madison, Jefferson, Passamari, Beaver Head, and Big Hole are the chief rivers. The county possesses resources of a high order, and could furnish profitable employment and pleasant homes to many thousand people, but awaits the construction of the railroad to bring it into easy communication with the world, and render residence desirable.

*Officers:* N. D. Johnson, Probate Judge; A. V. Corry, Clerk and Recorder; R. P. Vivion, District Attorney; Thomas J. Farrell, Sheriff; L. Daems, Treasurer and Tax Collector; Thomas Donegan, Assessor; James M. Page, Surveyor; Stephen Edmunds, Coroner; Amos Purdum, Superintendent Public Schools.

### McClellan Gulch, Dear Lodge Co, P O

50 miles north of Deer Lodge City  
Pryse Charles, postmaster

### Meadow Creek, Madison Co, P O 18 miles

northeast of Virginia City  
Walton W P, postmaster

### Meagher County. Organized in 1866.

Bounded on the north by Choteau County, east by Big Horn, south by Madison, and west by Jefferson, Lewis and Clarke. Area, 7,650 square miles. Extent of land under cultivation, 1874, 20,000 acres. Assessed valuation of property, 1874, \$585,316. Population about 1,100. County seat, Diamond City. Principal towns: Cañon Ferry, Copperopolis and Trout Creek, all small places. Resources, mineral, grazing and agricultural. The product of the mines, as reported by the Commissioner of Mining Statistics for 1873, aggregated \$350,000. Rich veins of gold, silver, and copper-bearing rock are found in various parts, particularly upon the head waters of the Musselshell River, but hostile Indians render mining unsafe. The Missouri River runs along the western border, having numerous affluents, and the Musselshell rises in the Belt Mountains, and runs northeast to the Missouri.

*Officers:* John E. Murray, Probate Judge; T. E. Collins, Clerk, Recorder, Auditor, and Deputy District Attorney; Thomas J. Fleming, Sheriff; Charles W. Sutton, Treasurer, and Tax Collector; H. C. Graves, Assessor First District; A. J. Stephens, Second District; D. E. Folsome, Surveyor; William H. Sutherland, Public Administrator; Charles S. Kelly, Superintendent Public Schools.

### Missoula, Missoula Co, P O and County

seat, 130 miles west of Helena. Connected with Helena, Deer Lodge, and the Cedar Creek Mining District by regular bi-daily stages. One newspaper, the *Missoulian*, is published weekly.

Baker George A, groceries  
Bonner E L & Co, dry goods  
Buker J B, physician  
Chapman J A, feed stable  
D'Aste — Rev, clergyman (R C), St Mary's Mission  
Dickinson W S II, postmaster, and stationery, etc  
Duncan Hugh Rov, clergyman  
Edwards & Co, butchers  
Gans & Klein, dry goods, etc  
Henke & McFarland, drugs and medicines  
Kennedy William, proprietor Dana House  
Leiser J S, cigars and tobacco  
LENT ALVIN, agent Wells, Fargo & Co  
Lent & Osborne, livery stable  
Lyons W J, liquor saloon  
Martin C, blacksmith  
McCormick W J, attorney at law  
McNamara T J, liquor saloon  
McWhick Brothers, liquor saloon  
Missoula National Bank, C P Higgins, president  
MISSOULIAN, W A Turk, proprietor  
Parker J M, boots and shoes  
Pomeroy Thomas M, attorney at law  
Reinhardt J P, hardware, stoves, and tinware  
Rivall F Rev, clergyman (R C), St Mary's Mission  
Stephens W J, attorney at law  
TURK W A, proprietor Missoulian  
Welch Daniel J, general merchandise  
Weller & Squires, blacksmiths  
Worden & Co, general merchandise

### Missoula County, Organized in 1864.

Bounded on the north by the British Possessions, east by Deer Lodge, south and west by Idaho Territory. Area, 20,400 square miles. Extent of land under cultivation 1874, 36,500 acres. Assessed valuation 1874, \$550,000. County Seat, Missoula. Principal towns, Cedar Junction, Corvallis, Forrest City, Fort Owens, Frenchtown, Mayville and Montreal. This large area occupies the upper basin of the Columbia lying between the Rocky Mountains on the east and the Bitter Root separating it from Idaho on the southwest. Deer Lodge county occupies part of the basin. The region is a high plateau broken by numerous mountain ranges and peaks, and threaded by many large rivers, tributaries of the great Columbia. In the eastern part is Flathead Lake, the largest body of water in Montana, 25 miles in length by 10 in breadth, and receiving Maple river from the north and flowing southerly into Clark's Fork of the Columbia. Mining for gold is successfully conducted in different localities, and the greater portion of the country is regarded as excellent for grazing.

*Officers:* Frank H. Woody, Probate Judge, Clerk and Recorder; A. E. Mayhew, District Attorney; John Miller, Sheriff; W. S. Edwards, Treasurer and Tax Collector; Daniel Woodman, Assessor; J. M. Min-