THE EVENING NEWS.

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The Big Horn Country.

There has been for the past ten years a certain amount of mystery connected with the Big horn country. Travelers through that country have reported the existence of gold and other metals, and from time to time have come rumors of the discovery of rich mines, but these rumors have been quickly dispelled. Notwithstanding this there has been a lingering, undefined belief in the minds of thousands that the region of the Black Hills and the Big Horn was one of the richest in minerals that could be found on this continent. Various expeditions have been fitted out for the purpose of proving the truth or falsity of this belief, but so far none have succeeded in settling the question satisfactorily. Whatever may be its mineral, there is no question as to its agricultural and pastoral advantages. All who have passed through it bear testimony to the existence of fine streams of water and splendid agricultural and meadow lands, which will some day support an immense population.

It is contemplated by the government to establish a military post on the Yellowstone, at the mouth of Powder river, the present season, which, if done, will greatly aid in settling up the country, which is not now practicable because of the incursions of the Sioux and other hostile tribes of Indians. As all Montanians are interested in knowing something of the eastern portion of their Territory, we give the following brief description, the truth of which is vouched for by a Fort Abraham Lincoln correspondent of the St. Paul *Pioneer:*

"The Big Horn valley alone is susceptible of supporting a population of ten thousand souls; the river, from the eastern base of the mountains to its mouth, being one hundred miles in length, the valley having an average width of eight miles, with a rich, black alluvial soil. Inexhaustible quantities of timber skirt the river, and an abundance of fine groves at the foot hills.

"The little Horn, for agricultural purposes, is not inferior to the Big Horn. It flows into the latter stream forty miles east of the base of the mountains, and the hills on either side have a dense growth of pine and hard wood.

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Local — Ogden, Echo City, Wasatch and Morgan County, daily..... 7 40 p m
Summit and Wasatch counties, Tuesday and Thursday, 7 40 p m
Alta, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday..... 7 10 p m

West—Through mail, daily..... 10 10 a m
Local—West Jordan and Herriman, Tuesday ..... 7 10 p m
Ophir, Tooele City, daily, except Sunday..... 3 00 p m
Grantsville, Saturday..... 3 00 p m
Bingham, daily, except Sunday..... 7 10 p m

North—Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington Ter. daily..... 10 10 a m
Local—Davis and Box Elder counties, daily..... 10 10 a m
Cache county, Thursday and Saturday..... 10 10 a m
Rich county, Monday and Thursday..... 7 40 p m

South—To Pioche, daily..... 7 10 p m
St. George and Arizona, alternate days..... 7 10 p m
Sanpete county, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday..... 7 10 p m
Fairfield and Cedar Valley, alternate days..... 7 10 p m

CLOSING.

East—Through mail, daily..... 3 00 pm
Local—Ogden, Morgan county, Echo City and Wasatch, daily..... 9 00 p m
Summit and Wasatch counties, Monday and Wednesday, 9 00
Alta, Monday, Wednesday and Friday..... 5 30 a m

West—California, Nevada and Ogden, (through mail) daily.... 1 30 p m
Local—West Jordan and Herriman, Thursday..... 5 30 a m
Ophir, Tooele, Stockton and Grantsville, daily, except Sunday..... 5 30 a m
Bingham, daily, except Sunday..... 5 30 a m

North—Idaho, Montana, Washington and Oregon, daily..... 1 30 p m
Local — Davis and Weber counties, daily..... 9 00 p m
Box Elder county, daily.... 1 30 p m
Cache county, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday..... 1 30 p m
Rich county, Tuesday and Thursday, via Bremerton.... 9 00 p m

South—Pioche, etc., daily..... 5 30 a m
St. George and Arizona, alternate days..... 5 30 a m
Sanpete county, Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday..... 5 30 a m
Fairfield and Cedar Valley, Wednesday..... 5 30 a m

GENERAL RULES.

General delivery open from 8 a m to 6 p m; Sunday, 9 30 to 1 30 p m.
Money Order and Registry Department open from 9 a m to 4 p m.
Outside door open from 6 a m to 6 p m.

J. M. MOORE, Postmaster.