THE EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, . . Nov. 13, 1873.

IRISH COQUETRY.

Says Patrick to Biddy: "Good mornin', my dear!
It's a bit av a secret I've got for yer ear:
It's yerself that's lukin' so charmin' the day,
That the heart in me breast is fast slippin' away."

"Tis you that can flatter," Miss Biddy replies,
And throws him a glance from her merry blue eyes.

"Arrah, Biddy," cries Patrick, "'Tis thinkin' av you
That's makin' my heart sick, me darlint, that's true.
Sure, I've waited a long time to tell you this same,
And Biddy Maloney 'll be sich a fine name."

Cries Biddy: "Have done wid your talkin', I pray:
Sure me heart's not me own for this many a day!

"I gave it away ton good lookin' boy,
Who thinks there is no one like Biddy Molloy.
So don't bother me, Pat; list be alay?" says she.

"Indade, if you'll let me, I will that!" says he.

"It's a bit av a flirt that ye are on the sly
I'll not trouble ye more, but I'll tell ye good-by."

"Arrah, Patrick," cries Biddy, "an' where are ye goin'?
Sure, it isn't the best av good manners ye're showin',
To leave me so suddint!" "Och, Biddy," cries Pat,
"You've knocked the cocked feather list out av me hat!"

"Come back, Pat," says she. "What for then," says he,
"Bekase I meant you all the time," says she."

The Newspaper Reporter.

It is interesting to watch the struggles of the reportorial fraternity in their endeavors to furnish forth a sufficient quantity of their startling and sustaining items. The vast material for wonder items and unlimited resources of the metropolitan are a constantly goading thorn in the side of the rural editor. That daily harvest of horrors that is garnered with the purlieus, the slums and by-ways of a great city, and that never failing source, the police court, sometimes drive the country rival to desperation. Cut off from these urban sources of supply in this department, he is thrown back upon himself, and is forced to rely upon the vividness of his own imagination. Once or twice a month, according to the amount of strain his ganglionic functions will endure and the scarcity of items, he retires, big with some idea in the way of the wonderful, into his inner consciousness, and at length reappears weak and weary, but flushed and triumphant, bearing tenderly the fruits of his labors—one of those items about a sheeted ghost, a three-legged hen, or a seven hundred pound pumpkin, that are so cheering and comforting.

The last season in this particular has been an active and exhaustive one for the rural reporters, especially. Fresh material has been hard to procure. Washington's nurses and body-servants have become a drug in the market. That Brazilian yarn about a man 224 years old knocked the stuffing out of all the old-people stories. Big turnips and beets, three-feet cucumbers, fruit trees blossoming the fourth and fifth time, and vegetable eccentricities generally, have not seemed to take very well. In spite of these drawbacks the necessities of the emergency have so stimulated the inventive faculties that the season has been a brilliant success.

Let us look on the field a little. Early in the season the Selma (Alabama) *Times* started off lamely with a sweet potatoe six feet two inches long. The Murfreesboro (Tenn.) *Monitor* met this with an "old mare" who ate chickens, ducks and bacon, &c. Then a Virginia City (Nev.) editor, of imagination all compact, produced a domesticated woodchuck who got drunk and cheated at poker; and the San Bernardino (Cal.) *Guardian* went him two better with a two-headed snake. These successes excited a tremendous rivalry, and the scene now became exciting, so much so as to carry away several city papers that joined in the fray. The Evansville (Ind.) *Journal*, the Bowling Green (Ky.) *Democrat*, the Troy (N. Y.) *Times*, the Rutland (Vt.) *Herald*, the Philadelphia *Telegraph*, and the St. Paul (Minn.) *Press* went back to first principles and engaged in a mad rivalry in the Ghost line. The Brooklyn *Eagle* worked up the very stale story of the girl who lives ten years without eating. The Lexington (Mo.) *Caucasian* struck in characteristically with a child born with a tail. A Waverly (Tenn.) paper sang of an "Egg within an egg" laid by an eccentric hen of that place. The Fort Wayne (Ind.) *Sentinel* trotted out a boy who pulled an eighteen-inch snake from his stomach. The Weston (Va.) *Democrat* struck a new lead with a new-born baby, whose mother was 83 years old, and whose father was 77. The Louisville *Cour.-Jour.* did not make a very great sensation with its story of a cat that gave birth to three squirrels. This gave the *Turf, Field and Farm* courage to tell about a colt which climbed to the ridgepoles of barns and beamed pleasantly upon passers-by, and after that the Lebanon (Ky.) *Standard* felt equal to the task of telling about a girl-baby born with a chignon. Made desperate by this, the Waverley (Tenn.) man came back with "Six tape-worms inside one sheep," and Fayetteville (Tenn.) remonstrated with a "Rooster with three *appreciable* legs." The Cleveland *Plaindealer* brought out its mouse which chewed up two hundred dollars in greenbacks, and the Evansville *Courier* came up smiling with the boy who coughed up a gold dollar. The Brattleboro' (Vt.) *Record* exploded a trunk, which injured a lady who was standing by "upon her head," and the Kansas City *Times* followed with a bustle bursting with direful results. The Erie (Pa.) *Dispatch* introduced to notice a streak of lightning which entered that office and knocked the devil down stairs, and the Franklin (Ky.) *Patriot* recited a little story about a horse that committed suicide. Then the San Diego (Cal.) *Union* got "Arabian Nights" on the brain, and told about a devil-fish in a porter bottle, which on being taken out expanded to a foot or two in diameter. This the Burlington *Gazette* knocked into the shade with its little prairie-chicken story—how they settled "head and tail" in long lines on telegraph wires, and how shrewd hunters fired double-barreled guns down each side of the wire and knocked off a couple of hundred heads. A report from *La Franca* of a man with the head of a Scotch terrier aroused the struggling editorial fraternity to increased exertions, and the Whitehall (N. Y.) *Times* capered madly to the front with a rat that sat by a sleeping baby, and with its tail whisked away the flies; and not satisfied with this dizzy flight of the imagination, went into the sea serpent business, which, though an old "lay," it worked up with consummate genius.

But the imaginative heroes are too many, the roll of honor too long for us to mention all; and, after calmly considering all the rival claims of "intellectual inventors," we calmly and sadly award the prize to the Johnston *Voice*. That paper tells of a lady "Mrs. X." (X is suspicious), living in Kernville, who softened an egg-shell with vinegar, forced it into a demi-John, and hatched it there. Now she has a good, healthy hen in a demijohn. The *Voice* says she intends to bottle an American eagle for the Centennial. We presume, but for incubatory obstacles, she might be induced to try it with a baby. The *Voice* says, "Nobody need believe this if they don't choose." We are glad of this, not that we would think of doubting the story, but it sort of "lets us out," as it were.—*Cincinnati Times.*

BATHS!

WARM SPRING BATHS.

Private & Plunge.

ELDERS AND BISHOPS

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Liberty, E. N. Austin, " "
Paris, H. N. Horne, " "
Bloomington, George Osmond, " "
St. Charles, John A. Hunt, " "
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Mound Fort, David Moore.
Lynne, Robert R. Baird.
Slaterville, Thomas Richardson.
Harrisville, David Rawson.
Marriat, S. P. Halverson.
West Weber, John H. Hart.
East Weber, A. Spaulding.
South Weber, John Cook.
River Dale, Sanford Bingham.
Eden, Richard Ballantyne.
Huntsville, F. A. Hammond.
Hooperville, Gilbert Belnap.

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Kaysville, Christopher Layton.
*Farmington, John W. Hess.
Centreville, Wm. R. Smith.
Bountiful, John Stoker.

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Weber City, C. S. Peterson.
Enterprise, Jesse Haven.

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Littleton, W. G. Smith.
Richville, John Seaman.
Porterville, Alma Porter.
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Round Valley, Samuel Carter.

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Echo, Elias Aspen.
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Wanship, G. G. Snyder.
Rockport, Edwin Bignall.
Peoa, Abraham Marchant.
Morell, John K. Lemon.
Kamas, W. Harder.
Parley's Park, Ephraim Snyder.

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ABRAHAM HATCH, Presiding Bishop.

*Heber City, Abraham Hatch.
Midway, Henry S. Alexander.
Charleston, John Watkins.
Wallsburgh, Wm. B. Futtall.

SALT LAKE COUNTY.

1st Ward, S. L. City, Jos. Warburton
2d " James Leach.
3d " Jacob Weller.
4th " Thomas Jenkins.
5th & 6th, W. H. Hickenlooper.
7th " Wm. Thorn.
8th " E. F. Sheets.
9th " S. A. Woolley.
10th " John Proctor.
11th " Alex. McRae.
12th " L. W. Hardy.
13th " E. D. Woolley.
14th " H. T. Reaveley.
15th " Frederick Kesler.
17th " Nathan Davis.
18th " L. D. Young.
19th " A. H. Raleigh.
20th " John Sharp.
Sugar House Ward, W. C. A. Smoot.
Brighton, A. H. Raleigh.
Big Cottonwood, David Brinton.
Mill Creek, Reuben Miles.
South Cottonwood, J. S. Gowland.
West Jordan, Archibald Gardner.
South Willow Creek, I. M. Stewart.

TOOELE COUNTY.

JOHN ROWBERRY, Presiding Bishop.

E. T. City, G. W. Bryan.
Pine Canyon, Moses Martin.
*Tooele City, John Rosberry.
Grantsville, T. H. Clark.
St. Johns, G. W. Burridge.
Centreville, James Jordan.
Vernon, Hyrum Bennion.
Deep Creek, Edwin Tadlock.
Skull Valley, B. F. Knowlton.

UTAH COUNTY.

A. O. SMOOT, Presiding Bishop, Provo.

First Ward, J. P. R. Johnson,
Second Ward, A. H. Scott,
Third Ward, Hyrum Tanner,
Fourth Ward, Wm. Follett,
Lehi, David Evans.
Cedar Fort, H. F. Cook.
Fairfield, John Carson.

DAVID EVANS, Presiding Bishop over the three last named places.

American Fork, L. E. Harrington.
Alpine, T. J. McCullough.

L. E. HARRINGTON, Presiding Bishop over the two last named places.

Pleasant Grove, John Brown.
Provo, A. O. Smoot.
Springville, Wm. Bringhurst.
Spanish Fork, A. K. Thurber.
Salem, Allen Pendleton, Robt. H. Davis.
Payson, J. S. Tanner.
Santaquin, D. H. Halliday.
Spring Lake Villa, B. F. Johnson.

J. S. TANNER is presiding Bishop over the four last named places.

Goshen, Wm. Price.

JUAB COUNTY.

JOEL GROVER, Presiding Bishop

Mona, Edward Kay.
*Nephi, alias Salt Creek, Joel Grover.
Levan, Elmer Taylor.

SANPETE COUNTY.

Fountain Green, B. L. Johnson.
Moroni, G. W. Bradley.
Fairview, Amasa Tucker.
Mount Pleasant, W. S. Seeley.
Spring City, Frederick Olsen.
Ephraim, Kanute Peterson.
Manti, A. J. Moffit.
Gunnison, J. S. Horne.
Fayette, John Barlow Somow.

SEVIER COUNTY.

J. A. YOUNG, Presiding.

Salina, Peter Rasmussen.
Glenwood, Heleman Pratt.
*Richfield, Nelson Higgins acting.
Monroe, Moses Gifford.
Annabelle Springs, Edward Roberts.
Joseph, Iver Isaacson.

MILLARD COUNTY.

THOMAS CALLISTER, Presiding Bishop.

Scipio, Daniel Thompson.
Cedar Springs, *alias* Holden, David Stoddard.
Williams, Edward Partridge.
Indian Farm, W. H. Dame.
Oak Creek, P. D. Byram.
Kanosh, Culbert King.

BEAVER COUNTY.

JOHN R. MURDOCK, Presiding Bishop.

*Beaver, John R. Murdock.
Minersville, James McKnight.

IRON COUNTY.

Paragoonah, S. S. Smith.
*Parowan, W. H. Dame.
Summit, [illegible]

W. H. DAME, Presiding Bishop over the three last named places.

Panguitch, G. W. Bery.
Cedar City, Henry Lunt.

BASIN COUNTY.

Kanarra, E. W. Brandley.
Harmony, W. D. Pace.
Pa'wore, H. Johnson.
*Tokerville, J. T. Willis.
Virgen, John Parker.
Rockville, D. H. Smith.
Lime Valley, James Leatham.
Kanab, Levi Stewart.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Harrisburg, G. D. Adams.
Washington, J. W. Freeman.
St. George, D. D. McArthur.
Santa Clara, Edward Bunker.
Pinto, Richard Robinson.
Hebron, G. H. Crosby.

LINCOLN COUNTY, NEVADA.

Clover, Wm. Fullopher.
Pahranagat, T. J. Jones.
*County Seats.

Post Office Department,

WASHINGTON,

October 27, 1873.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 2 p.m. of February 9, 1874, to be decided on or before March 2, 1874, for the conveyance of the mails of the United States in the Territory of

UTAH,

From July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1878,

On the routes and by the schedules of departures and arrivals herein specified, when established at the third session of the 43d Congress, and first session of the 44th Congress, and others.

(*Examine carefully the forms and instructions annexed.*)

An Act of Congress of June 8, 1872, requires that bids for $5,000 and upwards be accompanied by a certified check or draft equal to five per cent. of the bid.

UTAH.

41101 From Salt Lake City, by Lake Point, Tooele, Stockton, and Jacob City, to Ophir, 68 miles and back, six times a week.
Leave Salt Lake City daily, except Sunday, at 5 a m;
Arrive at Ophir next days by 4 p m.
Leave Ophir daily, except Sunday, at 8 a m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City next days by 4 p m.

41102 From Salt Lake City to Bingham Canyon, 29 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Salt Lake City Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Bingham Canyon by 3 p m;
Leave Bingham Canyon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City by 6 p m.

41103 From Salt Lake City, by Paper Mill and Farley's Park, to Wanship, 35 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Salt Lake City Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a m;
Arrive at Wanship by 1 p m;
Leave Wanship Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City by 4.30 p m.

41104 From Salt Lake City, by West Jordan, to Herriman, 20 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Salt Lake City Thursday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Herriman by 12 m;
Leave Herriman Thursday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City by 7 p m.

41105 From Salt Lake City, by Granite City, to Alta, 27 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Salt Lake City Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Alta by 4 p m;
Leave Alta Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Salt Lake City by 4 p m.

41106 From Tooele to Grantsville, 11 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Tooele Friday at 4.30 p m;
Arrive at Grantsville by 7 p m;
Leave Grantsville Friday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Tooele by 4 p m.

41107 From Ophir, by Lewiston and Camp Floyd (n. o.), to Fairfield, 15 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Ophir Monday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Fairfield by 12 m;
Leave Fairfield Monday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Ophir by 6 p m.

41108 From Lehi City, by American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Provo City, Springville, Spanish Fork, Salem, Payson, Spring Lake, Santaquin, Mona, Salt Creek, Levan, Chicken Creek, Scipio, Holden, Fillmore City, Meadow, Kanosh, Cove Creek, Beaver, Adamsville, Minersville, and Panaca, to Pioche (Nev.), 336 miles and back, six times a week.
Leave Lehi City daily, except Sunday, at 5 a m;
Arrive at Pioche in four days;
Leave Pioche daily, except Sunday, at 8 a m;
Arrive at Lehi City in four days.
Now service.

41109 From Lehi City, by Cedar Valley, Fairfield, and Homansville, to Eureka, 50 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Lehi City, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Eureka next days by 12 m;
Leave Eureka, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Lehi City next days by 7 p m.

41110 From Alpine City to Timpanogas Fork, 8 miles and back, once a week;
Leave Alpine City Thursday at 1 p m;
Arrive at American Fork by 2 p m;
Leave American Fork Thursday 3.30 p m;
Arrive at Alpine City by 5.30 p m.

41111 From Provo City, by Midway, Heber, Kamas, Peoa, Rockport, Wanship, and Coalville, to Echo City, 79 miles and back, twice a week.
Leave Provo City Monday and Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Echo City next days by 6 p m;
Leave Echo City Wednesday and Thursday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Provo City next days by 6 p m.

41112 From Payson, by Goshen, Diamond, and Silver City, to Eureka, 35 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Payson Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Eureka by 6 p m;
Leave Eureka Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 7 a m;
Arrive at Payson by 5 p m.

41113 From Salt Creek, by Fountain Green, Fairview, Mount Pleasant, Moroni, Spring City, Ephraim, Manti, Gunnison, Salina, Glenwood, Richfield, Inverury, and Monroe, to Bullion, 150 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Salt Creek, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 6 a m;
Arrive at Bullion next days by 7 p m;
Leave Bullion Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Salt Creek next days by 7 p m.
New service.

41114 From Bullion, by Marysville, Pasquitch, Hillsdale, Glendale, and Mount Carmel, to Shonesburgh, 125 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Bullion Monday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Shonesburgh Wednesday by 6 p m;
Leave Shonesburgh Thursday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Bullion Saturday by 6 p m.

41115 From Holden to Deseret, 25 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Holden Monday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Deseret by 4 p m;
Leave Deseret Tuesday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Holden by 4 p m.

41116 From Beaver, by Paragonah, Parowan, Summit, Cedar City, Hamilton's Fort, Kanarraville, New Harmony, Bellevue, Toquerville, Leeds, Harrisburgh, and Washington, to St. George, 125 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Beaver Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at St. George next days at 7 p m;
Leave St. George Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Beaver next days at 7 p m.
New service.

41117 From Cedar City, by Iron City, Pinto, Fort Hamblin, Hebron, and Clover Valley (Nev.), to Panaca, 114 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Cedar City Monday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Panaca Wednesday by 6 p m;
Leave Panaca Thursday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Cedar City Saturday by 6 p m.

41118 From Toquerville, by Virgin City, Duncan's Retreat, Grafton, Rockville, Springdale, Shonesburgh, Winsor, and Kanab, to Johnson, 56 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Toquerville Monday at 5 p m;
Arrive at Johnson next day by 7 p m;
Leave Johnson Wednesday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Toquerville next day by 7 p m.

41119 From St. George, by Pine Valley, to Pinto, 44 miles and back, once a week.
Leave St. George Monday 6 a m;
Arrive at Pinto by 7 p m;
Leave Pinto Tuesday at 6 a m;
Arrive at St. George by 7 p m.

41120 From Fayette to Gunnison, 6 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Fayette Monday at 10 a m;
Arrive at Gunnison by 12 m;
Leave Gunnison Monday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Fayette by 3 p m.

41121 From Ogden City, by Eden, to Huntsville, 14 miles and back, twice a week.
Leave Ogden City Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Huntsville by 12 m;
Leave Huntsville Wednesday and Saturday at 12.15 p m;
Arrive at Ogden City by 4 p m.

41122 From Ogden City, by Harrisville, to North Ogden, 10 miles and back, twice a week.
Leave Ogden Monday and Thursday at 8 p m;
Arrive at North Ogden by 5 p m;
Leave North Ogden Monday and Thursday at 11 a m;
Arrive at Ogden City by 1 p m.

41123 From Ogden City, by Lynne and Slaterville, to Plain City, 19 miles and back, twice a week.
Leave Ogden City Tuesday and Friday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Plain City by 12 m;
Leave Plain City Tuesday and Friday at 12 m;
Arrive at Ogden City by 3 p m.

41124 From Ogden City, by Ataia, to Hooper, 14 miles and back, twice a week.
Leave Ogden City Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Hooper by 12 m;
Leave Hooper Wednesday and Saturday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Ogden City by 5 p m.

41125 From Corinne, by Bear River City, Portage, Bear City (Idaho), Dale, Bear Fork, Fort Hall, Corbett's Station, Pratt, Ross, Market Lake, Wilford, Eagle Rock, Egin, Lewisville, Crawford's Silver Stage, Fish Creek, Iron Rod (n. o.), White Hall, Boulder Valley, Jefferson Creek and Ulinta, 350 miles and back, six times a week.
Summer schedule 5½ days. Winter schedule 6½ days.
Present pay, $47,[illegible]

41126 From Salt Lake City, by Brigham City, to Mendon, 40 miles and back, six times a week.
Leave Salt Lake City Monday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Brigham City, 3½ miles and back, three times a week, the remaining days of the week extension to the mountains at Brigham City.

41127 From Wellsville to Mendon, 8 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Wellsville Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10 a m;
Arrive at Mendon by 12 m;
Leave Mendon Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Wellsville by 3 p m.

41128 From Logan, by Providence, Smithville and Hyrum, to Paradise, 12 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Logan Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Paradise by 12 m;
Leave Paradise Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Logan by 5 p m.

41129 From Logan, by Mendon, Cornish, Lewiston, and Bear, to Paradise, 32 miles and back, three times a week.
Leave Logan Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Paradise by 12 m;
Leave Paradise Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1 p m;
Arrive at Logan by 5 p m.

41130 From Logan, by Franklin, Weston, and Clifton (Idaho), to Oxford (Idaho), 35 miles and back, twice a week.
Leave Logan Monday and Friday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Oxford by 6 p m;
Leave Oxford Tuesday and Saturday at 8 a m;
Arrive at Logan by 6 p m.

41131 From Ogden City, by Farr's, Kaysville, Layton, Clinton, Clearfield, Kaysville, Farmington, Bountiful, Centerville, Woods Cross, Bennion, Hunter's, Taylorsville, Granger, Hooper, Roy, Plain City, Pleasant View, Uintah, Ogden City, Mill-creek, Parley's Park, Coalville, Peterson's, Stoddard, Falkner's Store, Payette Grove, Payettsville, Brown's Ranch, Kamas, Baker's, Clay's, Union, Lo Branch, Orchard, Castle, Wallsburgh, Milton, Walls, Walls, Pandton, Heberville, Charleston, Coyle's, and Spanish Hollow, to the Dalles, 350 miles and back, seven times a week.
Summer schedule 5½ days.
Leave Kelton daily at 3 a m;
Arrive at The Dalles in six days;
Leave The Dalles daily at 7 a m;
Arrive at Kelton in six days.
Winter schedule
Leave Kelton daily at 4 a m;
Arrive at The Dalles in eight days;
Leave The Dalles daily at 7 a m;
Arrive at Kelton in eight days.
Present pay, $231,000 per annum.

41132 From Evanston (Wyo.), by Woodruff (Utah), Randolph, Laketown, Swan Creek (n. o.), Fish Haven (Idaho), St. Charles, Bloomington, Harris, Ovid, Liberty, Montpelier, and Georgetown, to Soda Springs, 135 miles and back, once a week.
Leave Evanston, Monday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Soda Springs Wednesday by 7 p m;
Leave Soda Springs Thursday at 6 a m;
Arrive at Evanston Saturday by 7 p m.

FORM OF PROPOSAL, GUARANTEE AND CERTIFICATE.

Proposal.

The undersigned ——, ——, whose post-office address is ——, county of ——, State of ——, proposes to convey the mails of the United States, from July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1878, on route No. ——, between —— and ——, under the advertisement of the Postmaster General, dated October 1, 1873, "with celerity, certainty and security" (law 12 June 8, 1872), for the annual sum of —— dollars.

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance of the route, the weight of the mail to be carried, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service; and, also, after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of said route; and of the provisions contained in the act of Congress of June 8, 1872.

Dated ——, ——. ——, bidder.

Guarantee.

The undersigned, residing at —— State of ——, undertake that, if the foregoing bid for carrying the mail on route No. —— be accepted by the Postmaster General, the bidder will, prior to the 1st of June, 1874, enter into the required obligation or contract to perform the service proposed, with good and sufficient sureties.

This we do with understanding distinctly the obligations and liabilities assumed by guarantors.

Dated ——

Certificate.

The undersigned, postmaster at ——, State of ——, certifies, UNDER HIS OATH OF OFFICE, that he is acquainted with the above guarantors, and knows them to be men of property, and able to make good their guarantee; that he believes the guarantors are able to pay the amount of their guarantee.

Bids of $5,000 and upward must be accompanied by a certified check, or draft, on some solvent national bank, equal to 5 per centum on the present annual pay on the route; or in case of new service, not less than 5 per centum of the amount proposed as bid.—(Section 263, Act of June 8, 1872.)

The Postmaster must not sign the certificate until the sum of the bid is inserted and the bid and guarantee signed by all the parties, and dated.

OATH REQUIRED BY SECTION 246 OF AN ACT OF CONGRESS APPROVED JUNE 8, 1872, TO BE AFFIXED TO EACH BID FOR CARRYING THE MAIL, AND TO BE TAKEN BEFORE AN OFFICER QUALIFIED TO ADMINISTER OATHS.

I, ——, of ——, bidder for conveying the mail on route No. ——, from —— to ——, do swear that I have the ability pecuniarily to fulfill my obligation as such bidder; that the bid is made in good faith, and with the intention to enter into contract and perform the service in case said bid shall be accepted; and that the signatures of the guarantors thereto are genuine, and that I believe the said guarantors to be pecuniarily responsible for and able to pay all damages the United States shall suffer by reason of my failing to perform my obligations as such bidder.

Sworn to and subscribed before me —— for the —— of —— this —— day of ——, A. D. 187—, and in testimony thereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my official seal the day and year aforesaid. [SEAL.]

NOTE.—When the oath is taken before a Justice of the peace, the certificate of the clerk of a court of record shall be added, under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is a duly qualified justice of the peace.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS AND POSTMASTERS.

Containing also conditions to be incorporated in the contracts to the extent the Department may deem proper.

1. Seven minutes are allowed to each intermediate office, when not otherwise specified, for assorting the mails.

2. On routes where the mode of conveyance admits of it, the special agents of the Post Office Department, also post office blanks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be furnished free of expense to contractors.

3. Bidders will be required to furnish, free of expense, such additional mail bags and locks as may be required by postmasters or other agents of the Department, will accompany the mails, specifying the number and destination of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters, to insure regularity in the delivery of bags and pouches.

4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions, if the failure be occasioned by the fault of the contractor or carrier, three times the pay of the trip will be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with depending mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is subject to forfeiture. For repeated delinquencies of the kind herein specified, enlarged penalties, proportioned to the nature thereof, and the importance of the mail, may be made.

5. For leaving behind or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers, or for being concerned in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.

6. Fines will be imposed, unless the delinquency be promptly and satisfactorily explained by certificates of postmasters or others, affidavits of other credible persons, for failing to arrive in contract time; for neglecting to take the mail from, or deliver it into, a post office; for suffering it to be wet, injured, destroyed, robbed, or lost; and for refusing, after demand, to convey the mail as frequently as the contractor runs, or is concerned in running, a coach, car, or steamboat on a route.

7. The Postmaster General may annul the contract for repeated failures to run agreeably to contract; for violating the post office laws, or disobeying the instructions of the Department; for refusing to discharge a carrier when required by the Department to do so; for running an express as aforesaid; or for transporting persons or packages conveying mailable matter out of the mail.

8. The Postmaster General may discontinue or extend a contract, change the schedule and terminal of a route, and alter, increase, decrease, or extend the service, in accordance with law, he allowing a *pro rata* increase of compensation for any additional service thereby required, or for increased speed, if the employment of additional stock or carriers is rendered necessary; and in cases of decrease, curtailment, or discontinuance of service, as a full indemnity to said contractor, one month's extra pay on the amount of service dispensed with, and a *pro rata* compensation for the service retained. Provided, however, that, in case of increased expenditure, the contractor may, upon timely notice, relinquish the contract.

9. Payments will be made by collections from, or drafts on, postmasters or otherwise, after the expiration of each quarter—say in November, February, May, and August, provided that required evidence of service has been received.

10. The distances given are believed to be substantially correct, but no increased pay will be allowed should they be greater than advertised, if the points to be supplied are correctly stated. *Bidders must inform themselves on this point, and also in reference to the weight of the mail, the condition of hills, roads, streams, &c., and all tell-bridges, turnpikes, plank-roads, ferries, or obstructions of any kind by which expense may be incurred in the performance of the service, as no allowance will be made for any such expense, either for hitherto existing or subsequently created obstructions, such as tolls, tell-bridges destroyed, ferries discontinued, or other obstructions causing or increasing distance or expense occurring during the contract term. Offers established after this advertisement is issued, and also during the contract term, are to be visited without extra pay, if the distance be not increased.*

11. Bidders are cautioned to mail their proposals in time to reach the Department by the day and hour named (3 p.m., Feb. 9, 1874), as bids received after that time will *not be considered* in competition with bids, of reasonable amount, received in time. Neither can bids be considered which are not accompanied by the guarantee required by law, and a certificate of the sufficiency of such guarantee, and the oath of the bidder according to section 246, act of June 8, 1872.

12. Letters should be addressed, for service, entirely according to the advertisement, and thus: "Proposals for carrying the mail on route No. ——, from —— to ——, and vice versa, for four years, from July 1, 1874, to June 30, 1878, inclusive, as per advertisement of the Postmaster General, dated October 1, 1873."

13. Bids should be made for service, entirely according to the advertisement, and thus, if they desire, separately for the several routes, and if the required bid be the lowest offered for the advertised service, the other propositions may be considered.

14. If there should be but one route bid for in a proposal. Combinations or combination bids ("proposing one sum for two or more routes") cannot be considered.

15. The route, the service, the yearly pay, the name and residence of the bidder (first, its usual post-office address), and the name of each member of a firm, where a firm bids, must be distinctly written.

16. Proposals received too late, or not in the form prescribed by the advertisement, or not in the Department, to write out in full the sum of their bids, and to retain copies of them.

Altered bids should not be submitted; nor should bids once submitted be withdrawn. No withdrawal of a bidder or guarantor will be allowed unless the withdrawal is received at the Department prior to the time fixed for opening the proposals.

Each bid must be signed by two responsible persons, who must also sign the guarantee thereto, and be followed promptly with the full name of each bidder.

The Postmaster General reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed too low to be sustained, and to accept the next lowest bid, if the party making the lowest bid shall be found pecuniarily responsible, and able to perform the service.

(Act of June 8, 1872, section 241.)

"The Postmaster General may, in his discretion, require a bond with sufficient sureties, conditioned for the faithful performance of any contract, or any class of contracts, and may require of any party to a bond, or of any party to a bid, such information as may be deemed necessary to determine the sufficiency of the sureties or responsibility of the bidder."

(Act of June 8, 1872, section 244.)

"No bid will be received or contract entered into with a person or firm, or corporation, or association, not a citizen of the United States, or with any person or persons, or corporation, or association, who shall be found to be in arrears to the United States for any debt, or who shall have failed to perform a contract, or who shall have had a contract annulled for failure to perform the service required by the contract, or who shall have had a contract annulled for the non-payment of the contractors, or who shall have had a contract annulled for any other cause, except the failure of the Department to make the allowance for the service required by the contract, or who shall have had a contract annulled for the non-payment of the contractors, or who shall have had a contract annulled for any other cause, except the failure of the Department to make the allowance for the service required by the contract