

MONTANA.

Population 132,150.....Rep. Plur. in 1892, 1,270

Rep. vote, 18,851; Dem. 17,581; Peop. 7,334; Prohib. 549.

STATE CAPITAL, HELENA.

MONTANA is bounded north by British America, east by North and South Dakota, south by Wyoming and Idaho, and west by Idaho; length from east to west about 540 miles, breadth about 240 miles; land area, 145,210 square miles. Surface generally mountainous, especially in the west. Along the three forks of the Missouri River, as well as elsewhere through the State, there is much undulating prairie, with a fertile soil. The Missouri River is navigable to Fort Benton; the Yellowstone is also navigable. Perhaps nowhere else are such advantages offered to the capitalist, mining operator, stock raiser and wool grower as are here found. Very little hay or winter foddering is needed, the stock feeding on the rich grasses, and ranging all winter in the sheltered valleys. Of agricultural staples, spring wheat, potatoes, butter, barley, oats and vegetables are the most prominent. Irrigation is greatly needed to develop the agricultural resources, there being 10,000,000, and perhaps double that number of acres which may be reclaimed in this manner. The timber lands are enormous in area, being estimated at nearly 40,000 square miles. Yellow pine is the most useful timber, the trees attaining a diameter of from 5 to 7 feet. The chief minerals are gold, silver, copper and lead, of which large quantities are obtained, while tin and nickel are reported. Leading manufacturing interests are mining, lumber sawing, quartz milling and stamping, flour, etc. The output of minerals in 1887 was estimated at \$4,000,000 in gold, \$16,000,000 in silver, and the enormous amount of 72,000,000 pounds of copper, which it was estimated would be increased to 120,000,000 pounds in 1889. The lead product of 1888 was about 25,000,000 pounds. Iron is abundant, but has not yet been developed. The wool clip was about 6,000,000 pounds. A superior quality of bituminous coal, in what is said to be one of the largest and most compact coal fields in the country, is being developed about 50 miles from Billings. There are 23 Counties in Montana; newspapers are published in all.

BEAVER HEAD CO. (S.W.) Pop. 4,655
Rep. vote in 1892, 728; Dem. 483; Peo. 155; Pro. 20.
Mountainous. Mining—gold, silver, copper, lead,
coal. COUNTY SEAT, Dillon, pop. 1,012.

Examiner.....	Dem.....	Dillon	†.....	630
Rockies Magazine (mo.)	Lit. & Educ.	"	"	1,000
Tribune.....	Rep	"	"	1970

CARBON CO. (S.).....Pop. —
COUNTY SEAT, Red Lodge, pop. 324.
New Idea.....Ind.....Red Lodge†..... *600
Picket.....Rep....."..... †450

CASCADE CO. (N.).....Pop. *18,000
Rep. vote in 1892, 1,295; Dem. 1,184; Peo. 837; Pro. 48.
Generally rolling plains and valleys; soil fertile.
Mining, agriculture and stock raising chief industries.
Products—Beef, wool, grain of all kinds, and vegetables. Great Falls claims the most extensive reduction works in the United States. COUNTY SEAT, Great Falls, pop. *10,000.

Belt Valley Times.....	Neut	Belt	.....	Circ	712
Leader (evg.).....	Rep	Great Falls	†.....	11,500	
Leader.....	Rep	"	"	12,800	
Montan Herald (Ger.).....	"	"	"	*800	
News.....	Pop	"	"	11,600	
Tribune (morn.).....	Dem	"	"	*1,625	
Tribune.....	Dem	"	"	*400	
Rising Sun.....	Rep	Sun River	.....	465	

CHOTEAU CO. (N.).....Pop. *3,250
Rep. vote in 1892, 788; Dem. 676; Peo. 35; Pro. 19.

Generally rolling plains and valleys; two small mountain ranges; soil very fertile, rich in the valleys and on the bench lands. Products—Beef, wool, grain of all kinds, vegetables and minerals. Stock raising chief industry. COUNTY SEAT, Fort Benton, pop. 624.

Opinion.....	Ind	Chinook	.....	Circ	450
River Press (evg.).....	Rep	Fort Benton	†.....	1600	
River Press.....	Rep	"	"	1,700	
Herald.....	Dem	Havre	.....	
Miner and Prospector.....	Fr.	Silv. Landusky	.....	

CUSTER CO. (S.E.).....Pop. 3,308
Rep. vote in 1892, 680; Dem. 537; Peo. 66; Pro. 8.

Partly mountainous; soil fertile; fine farming and cattle and sheep country. COUNTY SEAT, Miles City, pop. 356.

Times.....	Forsyth	.....	Circ	
Stock Growers Journal.....	Stock	Miles City	†.....	1,800
Yellowstone Journal (evg)	Rep	"	"	1520
Yellowstone Journal.....	Rep	"	"	1,100

DAWSON CO. (N.E.).....Pop. 2,056
Rep. vote in 1892, 343; Dem. 268; Peo. 23; Pro. 8.

Hilly; large forests. Chief industries, grazing, stock and wool growing and farming. COUNTY SEAT, Glendive, pop. *1,200.

Independent.....	Rep	Glendive	†.....	Circ	1760
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CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
POPULATION: Census of 1890. * Estimated. † County Seat.