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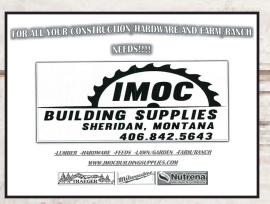




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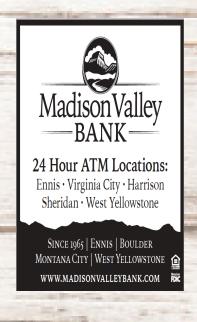
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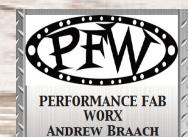
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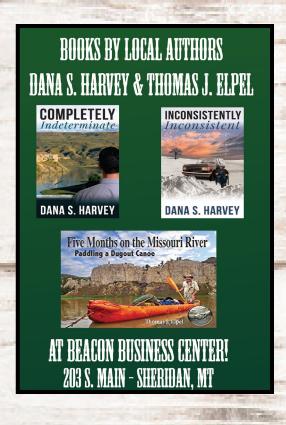


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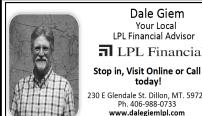
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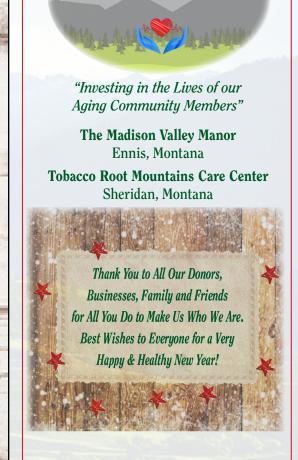
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HISTORICAL RUBY VALLEY WEATHER

After experiencing a mild and unusually "brown" Christmas, we thought it would be interesting to explore a few historical Ruby Valley weather narratives.

1864. "Snow is two and a half feet deep in Summit District, 8 miles above Virginia City. Sleighing is the finest ever seen in any place, in Virginia City and Below. A snowstorm of no mean magnitude visited us on Tuesday. It snowed from Tuesday to Wednesday morning, to the depth of eight inches, when the sun asserted its supremacy and made the streets rather muddy." (The Montana Post, November 19, 1864).

1866. "GREAT SNOWSTORM-From the passengers by the Helena coach which arrived here on Wednesday, we received the intelligence that the snow is nearly three feet deep on the level. The storm commenced on the morning of Sunday the fourteenth and lasted till Friday the nineteenth. Riderless horses have been seen in many places, and there are painful rumors concerning the Sun River (18 miles west of Great Falls) prospectors, some of them stating that at very large number of the unfortunate men have perished in the storm. The coach left Helena on Monday morning and encountered deep snow all the way to Whitetail Deer Creek. At several places between Helena and Sunriver there are numbers of individuals disabled by severe frost-bites," (The Montana Post, January 27, 1866).

1867. The new year of 1867 brought in a severe and continual snowstorm. Coaches from Helena bound for Virginia, Diamond City, and New York Gulch were stalled for several hours. Wells Fargo & Co. had sent out a coach with mail and passengers, that was extremely delayed in arriving to Virginia City. A telegraph line was downed in the heavy snow which cut off telegram dispatches for some time. Later that month, another big snowstorm hit. "IN AT LAST--Quite an excitement was created by the arrival of the "Overland' Mail conveyance from Helena, on Tuesday night. They had been out three days and two nights, floundering through snowdrifts and exposed to the pitiless storm, and gave vent to their delight on reaching Virginia, in a series of lusty cheers. Shouting is fully as infectious as small pox and the refrain was taken up all over town-by the street population and congregated quite a crowd who quietly dispersed on learning the cause. The coach came as far as Redfern's, when the mail and passengers were transferred to "bobs" and came into Virginia on runners. The passengers were muffled up in furs, the sled covered with snow accumulated from the numerous snowdrifts they had encountered, and the entire outfit resembled the picture of an Arctic exploring party more than the regular conveyance from our Sister City over the hill. Among the episodes of the journey were an upset, a mining exploration in a snowdrift for the lost coach, a night's sleep in a stable, and sundry consolations from a spiritual comforter, (The Montana Post, January 1867). The snow on Mullan pass (between here and Helena) had reached drifts of 10-15 feet in some places. Practically all travel in and out of the valley was impeded. Men who had just returned from the Silver Star district reported 4 feet of ice on the Jefferson river at the crossing.



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- 17. The climax of a drama
- 19. Tardy
- 20. Eastern Standard Time
- 21. Light refractor
- 22. Moon of Saturn
- 23. Chevrotain
- 25. Less friendly
- 27. Favor
- 28. Plymouth Colony leader
- 31. Throw out
- 34. Backbone of an animal
- 35. Spelling contest
- 36. Dagger
- 37. Purple shade
- 38. 365 days
- 39. African antelope
- 40. Carried
- 41. Sail supports
- 42. Searches
- 44. Faerie
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57. Anagram of "Ail"

38. Cheers

13. Biblical garden



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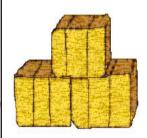
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1916. "In Grip of Worst Storm in Years; Trains Late, Coal Famine Imminent (Madison County Monitor, January 28, 1916). Another New Year's storm struck the valley in 1916. Temperatures registered between 20 and 30 degrees below zero for a couple of weeks. Coal dealers struggled in meeting demand. However, since wood is plentiful in our valley, actual suffering was mostly avoided, though there was much discomfort. Hay was scarce and costly, and the shepherds of the region were taxed a great deal trying to keep their sheep fed and warm. But it was noted that most of the stock in our valley "stood the storm remarkably well". Later in November of 1916, another cold wave ensued. Temperatures reached 16 below zero. Bob Passey, the superintendent of construction at the Twin Bridges Children's Home dormitory, had to suspend work for 2 days due to the frozen pipes there.

1917. A windstorm of epic proportions ripped through the valley in June of 1917, tearing down trees in its wake. One particular tree was in front of the "old" Lott residence on Main street. "The top portion connecting with Mortimer Lott's milk wagon and breaking several bottles of lacteal fluid. Mortimer escaped without a scratch, but old Dobbin, though missing the descending tree top, galloped away with the wagon, without, however spilling any of the precious contents" (Madison County Monitor, June 1917).

1919. "Lots of Snow. It is reported by those who have made trips to the mountains and across the bench lands that there is more snow in the hills and on the bench at the present time than there has been for the past three years" (Twin Bridges Independent, December, 1919). The mail to McHessor started to be delivered via Blaine as it was impossible to make passage through the snowy "cuts and grades". "Scores of cattle in Madison County are dying of starvation and swarms of hungry magpies are attacking half frozen, famished cattle, according to a story reaching Butte from a Pageville farmer. The birds swoop down upon the cattle and pick at the brands, causing wounds which are made more serious by cold weather and lack of feed. Hundreds of cattle are dying of starvation. A temperature of 34 degrees below zero was recorded. Cottonwood is being used for fuel, for not a pound of coal is available in the town, except at the Orphans Home where the supply is sufficient for only a few days. Trains on the Northern Pacific branch line from Butte to Alder have suspended operations. The snow drift between Twin Bridges and Sheridan, which recently held a train in its grip for two days, is several miles long. Twin Bridges, Sheridan, Alder, and Laurin are all isolated from the rest of the world, for neither horses nor automobiles can travel over the roads in their present condition," (Twin Bridges Independent, December 12, 1919).



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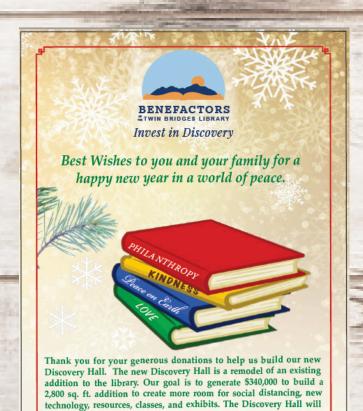


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