

COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS.

[Term, two years.]

[Collected at the office of the Secretary of the Territory, October 31, 1866.]

CALIFORNIA.			Date App't.			Name.			Residence.		
Nov. 13, '64.	H. S. Homans.....	San Francisco.	Dec. 23, '65.	Am W. Parker.....	New York city.	Jan. 10, '66.	Martin H. Luff.....	New York city.	Jan. 31, '66.	Julius Silversmith.....	New York city.
Oct. 3, '65.	F. J. Thibault.....	San Francisco.	Jan. 31, '66.	Henry J. Callen.....	New York city.	Jan. 31, '66.	James W. Gerard.....	New York city.	Mar. 22, '66.	Horatio C. King.....	New York city.
Dec. 12, '65.	Alfred Burstow.....	San Francisco.	Apr'14, '66.	A. J. Roe.....	New York city.	Apr'14, '66.	John Bisell.....	New York city.	Apr'14, '66.	George W. Collins.....	New York city.
Dec. 12, '65.	Sammel Cross.....	San Francisco.	Apr'18, '66.	Isaac Spencer Smith.....	New York city.	June 20, '66.	John Livingston.....	New York city.	Aug. 1, '66.	John S. Woodward.....	New York city.
Jan. 26, '66.	J. H. Blood.....	San Francisco.									
Apr'17, '66.	Henry Haight.....	San Francisco.									
ILLINOIS.											
June 15, '66.	Simon W. King.....	Chicago.									
MARYLAND.											
March 2, '66.	W. B. Hill.....	Baltimore.									
MASSACHUSETTS.											
Mar. 27, '66.	N. C. Towl.....	Boston.	Dec. 17, '64.	C. H. Larrabee.....	Portland.	Dec. 12, '65.	Seth R. Hummer.....	Salem.	Mar. 5, '66.	Hamilton Boyd.....	Portland.
Apr'17, '66.	Sammel Jennison.....	Boston.									
Aug. 17, '66.	James H. Bell.....	Boston.									
MINNESOTA.											
Nov. 28, '65.	T. Churendon.....	St. Cloud.									
NEVADA.											
Aug. 2, '66.	A. E. Shannon.....	Austin.									
NEW YORK.											
Oct. 2, '65.	Charles Nettleton.....	New York city.	Aug. 1, '66.	Frederick Koones.....	Washington.	Sept. 1, '66.	Nicholas Callan.....	Washington.			
Dec. 11, '65.	Charles F. Turner.....	New York city.									
Dec. 23, '65.	W. H. Field.....	New York city.									
Dec. 23, '65.	John Gibson.....	New York city.									
Dec. 23, '65.	Henry Kendall.....	New York city.									
OREGON.											
PENNSYLVANIA.											
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.											
UTAH TERRITORY.											
Dec. 23, '65.. W. L. Halsey..... Salt Lake City.											

AREA AND RESOURCES.

The Territory of Idaho is situated between 42° and 49° north latitude, and 110° and 117° west longitude. Its greatest length, from north to south, is about 480 miles, and its extreme breadth is about 340 miles, with an area estimated at about 96,000 square miles. Since the organization of this Territory in 1863, its limits have been somewhat reduced by the formation of the Territory of Montana. The character of the country is generally mountainous, although there are occasionally fertile, well watered, and finely timbered valleys found distributed throughout its extent. The largest of these—Boise Basin—contains the richest and most extensive placer mines yet discovered on this coast outside the limits of California. It contains, also, numerous rich and extensive quartz lodes, which give a permanent value to the mineral resources of this region. The climate here is mild, dry, and pleasant during the summer and fall seasons, but the greatest drawback is the severity of the weather and immense fall of snow, which retard mining operations during the winter months. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, the growth of this Territory, since the discovery of the richness of its mines, has been rapid, and its prosperity of a permanent character. Until 1852, this region was entirely in the possession of hostile savages, and never visited by any of the whites, except the hardy and adventurous trappers and mountain men. Although gold was first discovered in this year in a portion of this country, the discovery was not followed up till 1861, when the finding of other placer diggings gave rise to a large immigration from abroad the succeeding year, since which time, the filling up of the Territory has been rapid.

MINERAL.

"The discoveries of placer and quartz mines which have been made in Idaho within the last five years, have developed it enough to prove its richness in minerals. A large area of territory, hitherto unexplored, is believed to be rich in auriferous deposits and gold and silver-bearing quartz lodes, which will, at no distant period, support a large mining population.

"Boise Basin is the largest placer mining region yet discovered in Idaho Territory, and exceeds in extent and richness all other placer mining regions, outside of California, on the Pacific coast. There are many rich and valuable quartz lodes, and an abundance of timber and water, offering excellent facilities for the development of its mineral resources. The climate is mild, dry and serene during the summer and fall; it is cold in the winter, but generally equable and healthy all the year round.

"The natural resources of the Owyhee District for the development of her mines are equal if not superior, to any on the continent. Here timber in quantity and quality sufficient for all purposes is found