

tion — see our Guide for 1869—of rich gold deposits in the Black Hills and Big Horn country, but, until Gen. Custer, with a military expedition, penetrated to, and explored the region about Harney's Peak in 1874, and reported gold abundant, the soil rich, the country well timbered, and most desirable, nothing definite was known. In 1875 the gold-seekers began their travels to the "Hills," in 1876 the numbers were greatly increased, but in 1877 the great rush was at its height. These people have laid out cities, towns, and villages; engaged in mining, merchandising, farming, and other occupations. The principal wealth of the region is in the quartz rock, which requires capital to work to advantage. Some of these quartz mines are **AUTHORITATIVELY** reported to be exceedingly rich, and at the time we write—March 6, 1878—there are 742 stamps thundering away, night and day reducing the ores, which are making rich returns, which we have the best authority for stating, amounted to over \$3,000,000 for 1877. The principal city in the "Hills," is called Deadwood, for which place stages leave Cheyenne daily.

For route and fare, see ANNEX No. 50.

These Hills lie between the 43rd and 45th degrees of latitude, and the 103d and 105th parallels of longitude; are about 100 miles long and 60 miles wide.

We are pleased to refer our readers in search of further and full information on the Black Hills, Powder River and Big Horn country, to ANNEX No. 9.

Cheyenne up to this time has been the principal outfitting point for parties destined for the Black Hills. The amount of freight shipped from here since the emigration commenced, has been enormous.



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The road being a good one, with good stations, water, grass, etc., along the whole route, it has become the principal one traveled, particularly by small or private parties. The distance is 266 miles.

As for railroads, Cheyenne has great expectations. She already has two roads to Colorado, and *now* is agitating a line to the Black Hills, the Iron Mountain, and to Montana. But as these roads are not *yet* so that we can ride on them we will pat-