

Mail Route.

The Post Office Department has issued an advertisement inviting proposals for carrying the mails on all star routes in North and South Dakota for the term of four years commencing July 1, 1902

In this advertisement two new features are incorporated, viz: limiting bids to those persons who reside on or who will agree to reside on or contiguous to the routes on which service is performed and to give their personal supervision to the same, thereby placing the service in the hands of local men, so they may receive the entire amount paid by the Department.

In the same advertisement is also incorporated the feature of delivering the mail into boxes along the routes.

Full information relative to the conditions under which such delivery can be made may be obtained from any post master.

The following is a list of routes in this vicinity. For schedule, frequency, amount of bond etc., see advertisement on file in post office.

Minnielake to Hope, 20 miles and back twice a week. Present contract pay \$181.09, subcontract pay \$175.71.

Casselton to Hope, 43 miles and back 3 times a week. Present contract \$456

Portland to Finley, 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles and back 6 times a week, present contract pay \$763, subcontract pay \$600.

Blabon to Hope, 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles and back, 3 times a week, present contract \$116.50.

Hatton to Golden Lake, 12 miles and back, 3 times a week, present contract pay \$172.02.

Hatton to Sharon, 26 miles and back, 6 times a week, present contract pay \$612.66, subcontract pay \$620.