

## The Boise City Assaying and Refining Works

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Alexander Rossi, acting apparently under the name of Robie & Rossi, had an assay office which opened in Boise about April 18, 1867, and which promised six-hour returns on assays. (Boise must have had earlier offices, but this one seems to have been the direct predecessor to the Boise City Assaying and Refining Works.) A. H. Robie had a sawmill in which Rossi also had an interest, and in October, Rossi decided to quit the assay business altogether, and to join Robie in the sawmill to the exclusion of the other enterprise. On October 8, when Rossi announced that his assay office was closed, B. M. DuRell's Boise City Assaying and Refining Works advertised that Charles Liebenau—an assayer for Rossi—was transferred from the closed Rossi establishment to the apparently new DuRell office. The latter company announced that its new office was to open in the First National Bank (another DuRell enterprise) within a day or two after October 8. Liebenau was reported to be a graduate of the Freiburg Mining Academy; his returns were to be made in the standard six hours, and were guaranteed accurate—with any losses at the mint covered by the assay office. As Rossi had done before, DuRell's office claimed to pay the highest prices for gold and silver bars, and offered an ore analysis service.

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