

Advertisement Design

With the widespread use of the printing press, dissemination of news locally became easier and more accessible. By the late 1800s, any small town could have a local newspaper. Leadville started with five newspapers and advertisements were a fundamental feature even from the start. A printer manually assembled every article, every advertisement, and every page until publishers started using computers to lay out newspapers about a century later. In addition, the printer hand placed and assembled backwards each letter, line, and decorative element on the page. These pages needed to be backwards because the press printed in reverse, creating a mirror image on the paper. Articles that were mainly text were straightforward to assemble. However, advertisements that were more complex took more care and time to create. However, once made, the publishers often used the same ads for multiple issues.



Leadville Daily Herald, October 22, 1882



Leadville Daily Herald, December 3, 1882



Selling History

Advertisements of Leadville Jewish Businesses



Exhibition Guide

Jews started coming to Leadville in the 1870s. Many saw opportunities to meet the needs of the people, especially miners, in this quickly growing mining town. Many were already well skilled and knowledgeable in establishing and running businesses. Knowing that sales were very important to stay in business, many of the Jewish business owners advertised in the Leadville newspapers to drum up business. These ads ranged from simple lines of text to half or full page ad placements.



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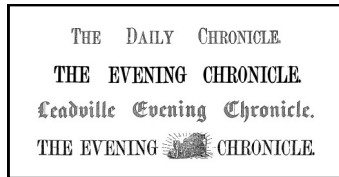
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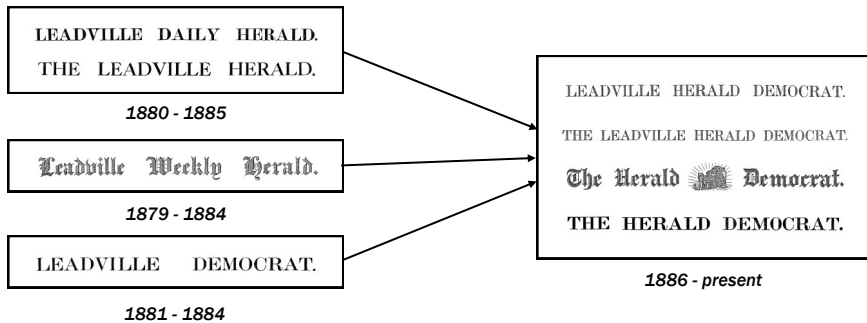
Five newspapers began publication shortly after Leadville incorporated. Some of these papers went by slightly varying names. However, starting in 1886, three newspapers merged to form a new newspaper, The Herald Democrat, which still prints weekly editions today. After 1886, three newspapers were left in Leadville with two continuing into the twentieth century and beyond.



1879 - 1898



1879 - 1987



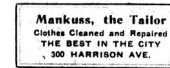
Major Leadville Events

- 1878 Rich load of silver discovered from the Little Pittsburgh Mine.
- 1878 United States passed Bland-Allison Act authorizing the purchase of silver.
- 1878 Leadville became an incorporated city and held an election.
- 1890 United States passed Sherman Silver Purchase Act.
- 1893 After the Panic of 1893, the United States repealed Sherman Silver Purchase Act.
- 1896 (Jan-Mar), Ice Palace events.
- 1896 (Fall), Miners struck against the mining companies and the strike became violent and deadly.
- 1916 Colorado becomes dry 4 years before national prohibition.

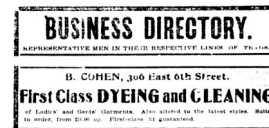
Advertisement Types

Display Ads—As the most common ads, they ranged from one column wide to a full page and often within a box.

The Herald Democrat, February 8, 1920



The Herald Democrat, February 2, 1916



Business Card Ads—Similar to display ads, these are about the size of a business card with just basic business information and placed with other similar ads.

Business Directory—Stacked under a heading, like “Business Directory” or “Liquor and Cigars”, slim ads were for general business reference.

The Herald Democrat, January 1, 1902

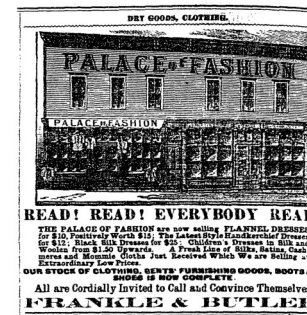


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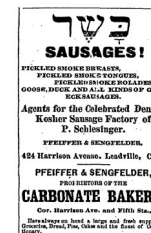
Classified Ads—Text ads were sorted under classified headings and usually used to sell something.

The Herald Democrat, August 17, 1922

In-Line & Single Line Ads—These ads were all text of one or more lines. A business often put many throughout the pages of each paper. They were separated with divider lines.



Leadville Democrat, February 12, 1881



Leadville Daily Herald, December 11, 1880



Leadville Daily Herald, November 5, 1880