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The Montana Post HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION THAN ANY OTHER NEWSPAPER IN THE TERRITORY.

POETRY.

THE LEVEL AND THE SQUARE.

BY ROBERT MORRIS, P. G. M. OF KENTUCKY. We meet upon the Level, and we part upon the Square...

We meet upon the Level, tho' from every station come, The monarch from his palace, and the poor man from his home...

We part upon the Square, for the world must have its due, While we mingle with the multitude, a cold, unfriendly crew...

There's a world where all are equal; we are hurrying toward it fast, We shall meet upon the Level there when the gates of Death are past...

We shall meet upon the Level then, but never these depart; There's a mansion 'tis all ready for each trusting, faithful heart...

Let us meet upon the Level then, while toiling patient here; Let us meet and let us labor, tho' the labor be severe...

Hands round, ye faithful Masons, form the bright fraternal chain, We part upon the Square below to meet in Heaven again...

THE Suez Canal project has been talked of for very many years, at some times in the most sanguine terms, while at others the idea has been treated as one of the greatest imaginable absurdities...

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INKLINGS.

Brigham Young is only 53. Land sells in South Carolina at ten cents an acre. Barnum's surviving curiosities have gone to Philadelphia.

Only two executions have occurred in Vermont in 40 years. Thad. Stevens is always worse than he was and better than he expects to be. Human bones are ground up for fertilizing by a Nashville concern.

All the Vicksburg papers have ceased to take telegraphic reports. The New York Police Gazette, very appropriately, had a forger for reporter, until he was arrested.

Brigham Young's English converts can't get money enough to pay their passage to Zion. The Central Pacific Railroad of California has paid out \$1,000,000 for blasting powder.

New York had 38 snow storms in the past winter. Colorado has had two; but (in)tolerably long ones. The Boston Post put a whole barnyard at the head of its columns upon the receipt of the news from Connecticut.

General Butler's daughter is said to be one of the handsomest women in Washington. The channel of the Missouri river is said to be leaving Omaha and coming over to Council Bluffs.

No wonder the fellow Weston is a good walker. It turns out now he used to be collector for a newspaper office. Grant was hissed and Lee cheered by New Haven Democrats one day last week.

Mr. Longfellow is reported to be engaged on a poem of considerable length, to be published early next year. It cost the people of Illinois \$1,000,000 annually to support the victims of intemperance.

The San Francisco papers announce the incorporation of a new express company, the Pacific Union, which starts with a capital of \$3,000,000. Good authority states that 20,000 Norwegians, Danes and Swedes are to arrive in this country this spring, whose destination will be chiefly to the West.

A Detroit woman has presented her husband with four children at a birth. He calls her conduct over bearing. A very childish pun, that. Gov. English, of Connecticut, is understood to have spent \$35,000 on hire-election. The stealings of that office must be pretty good.

A. J. having failed in the Scriptural character of Moses, has taken up that of Belshazzar. He has Ben Wade in the balance and is found wanting. A countryman in Portland, after eating three dozen raw oysters, told the man to stop when he had opened ten cents' worth.

There are nearly 30 whisky distilleries in New York city, and liquor can be had at \$1.25 per gallon—75 cents less than the Government tax. The Philadelphia Morning Post, which was started in the direct interest of Chase for President, has finally given up the race, and hoists the name of Grant.

George Peabody's first return of personal property is still extant. It is dated Newburyport, Oct. 26, 1814 and exhibits \$200. Jeff Davis is still solicitous lest the Republicans should violate the Constitution of "our country." A Johnson is also getting similarly solicitous.

Several manuscripts, a silver chalice, and other articles of known antiquity, have already been procured in Abyssinia for the British Museum. The remarkable changes of four years are well illustrated by the people of Jackson, Miss., firing a salute over a Republican victory in Arkansas.

A lady, who was startled out of sleep by some one trying to enter the house, cried out, "Who is there?" "Your late husband," was the impertinent reply. Ad Interim Thomas is still in his laces, imagining himself Secretary of War and attending all Cabinet meetings—a purely ornamental piece of Cabinet ware.

A large cave has been explored near Bentonville, Arkansas. One chamber is 600 feet wide and 300 feet high. The cave has been explored to the distance of nine miles. A newspaper called the Dixie Times has been started at St. George, 350 miles south of Salt Lake City. The tent in which it is printed is pitched in the mouth of an old volcano.

San Jose, Cal., has entered into silk culture, with a company having a capital of \$100,000. The machinery has arrived, the foundation of the building is laid, and the worms are at work. A celebrated lawyer once said that the three most troublesome clients he ever had, were a young lady who wanted to be married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

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A STATISTICAL SOCIETY.

Concerning this subject, which we have been frequently requested to agitate by our friends in various portions of the Territory, we spoke a few words in a recent issue of the Post. That a statistical society is one of the great needs of the Territory at the present time, all who feel themselves interested in Montana's prosperity and progress will agree.

We owe the formation of such a society not only to ourselves, but to non-residents in the Territory—to ourselves that we may thereby attain some definite basis by means of which we may determine upon the inducements which our mountain home offers us for making lasting improvements upon our property and adopting Montana as our permanent place of residence—to outsiders we owe the action proposed, in order that we may show them facts and figures that will enable them to judge rightly concerning the "Land of Heaven-kissing hills," and that would leave the emigrant no cause of complaint concerning misrepresentations which are now so frequently indulged in, and in no other manner than by the formation of a statistical society among the people themselves, can the desired end, as we apprehend, be accomplished.

In a mining community more than in any other, each person jealously guards his own business from the intrusive inquisitiveness of others, and makes statements concerning the profits of his employment only to particular confidants selected by him from among his associates. An outsider, though he come clothed with all the authority Congress can give him, is looked upon with suspicion, and more frequently than not receives from the miner, in reply to his question, "How does it pay?" the monosyllabic answer, "Grub," which, the tone in which it is uttered being considered, is equivalent to saying "None of your business."

But by the method proposed valuable statistics can be readily and quickly collected. Each camp of any considerable size should have a society of its own, which should make it its special business to gather mining and other statistics pertaining to the particular locality in which it is situated, and which should be represented by a certain number of delegates in a central society which should hold its sessions once per quarter, or less frequently, as might be deemed expedient. The duty of this Central Society should be to compile the facts thus gathered and cause them to be published at least once a year. The Territory thus following the example of all prudent business men, would have displayed a balance sheet, showing its profits and losses, and furnishing the best obtainable evidence as to whether the country was progressing or retrograding. And then, whenever Congress should choose to make another report upon mineral resources, it would, doubtless, gladly accept and adopt the facts and figures collected as above proposed. These are our ideas. What say you, people of Montana, shall we allow ourselves to be misrepresented by imperfect Congressional reports and inconsistent guesses at the truth, or shall we have the proposed Statistical Society, and a definite statement of our wealth for our own satisfaction and the information of those who may contemplate joining us in the favored land of mountains. We shall be glad to receive the views and suggestions of our friends upon this subject.

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