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DAVID B. FOLSOM.

Hon. David Folsom has been elected president of the Northern Montana Wool Growers association. That is a useful and honorable office and shows the confidence his fellow citizens have in his judgment and public spirit.

It is useless at this late day to rehearse the causes which operated to prevent the complete redemption of Montana. Perhaps republicans should be satisfied with the splendid and wonderful gains they made and with the salvation of the state effected later by the gallant band of republicans elected to the legislature.

JUDGES AT LARGE.

The supreme court judges are reported to have quietly left Helena between two days or nights and for the probable purpose of baffling successful pursuit separated and went in different directions.

Surely never was a man so hungry for an office.
THE MATTER OF BRAINS.
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DEMOCRATIC RESPONSIBILITY.

The Standard of Sunday devoted a column of space to a protest against the Inter Mountain's statement that the official scandals in New York and Butte resulted alike from democratic victory at the polls.

nominated on democratic tickets, but so have incompetent and unworthy men been so nominated. The main object always has been to pick winners for all the minor positions in order to help the legislative ticket.

SIGNS OF HARMONY.

The refusal of the Pennsylvania democracy last week to mention either the name or the platform of William J. Bryan and the equally pointed snub of the Virginia democracy in omitting all reference to the principles or virtues of that eminent tribune of the people, will serve the useful purpose of allowing him to take his mind off the previous disgraceful misconduct of the Ohio democracy in smashing his picture after ignoring his platform and scalping Monnet.

THE MATTER OF BRAINS.
The people read much these days of the great administrative ability of the steel trust magnates. Beyond doubt they are men of remarkable intellect, or they would not be in their present positions or drawing their enormous salaries.

will depend on the real merits of the contest which have not yet been explained by either side, and which the American people do not yet understand.

HOTEL WITH A BAR NEEDED.

When Montana's beautiful state house shall be ready for occupancy and business, it is hoped that some enterprising citizen of the capital will open at the proper time a first class hotel so that people having business to transact with the state officials will not be compelled to return to Helena on the same day.

BRIGHT IDEAS OF MONTANA EDITORS.

Attorney General Donovan has stopped dice shaking for cigars in Helena. He caught some parties engaged in the game and threatened them with prosecution if they repeated the offense.

County Attorney Miller is rapidly putting a stop to the gambling in Livingston. Most of the gambling games closed voluntarily upon being notified that the games must stop.

The great drought which has been experienced by the western states bordering on the arid region, at a cost of millions of dollars, has been the subject of much speculation.

WELCOME TO THE SHAMROCK.

Hail, Shamrock second!
Hail,
And welcome
To our waters, where
Perhaps you'll swim
The Cup's Defender
And will bear
Back to Albion
What?

IN THE SUNFLOWER STATE.

Most of the lady politicians of the Sunflower state have only "dried up" temporarily, through sympathy with the late drought. They will begin to sprout again with autumnal rains.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION

WHILE the most strenuous attack in the world's history is being made upon the North Pole, the still less known and more difficult problem of the South Pole is not going to be allowed to languish.

Here the unknown regions are more than four times as extensive as those about the North Pole. The unknown area of the latter is equal to that of European Russia, while that about the South Pole is in extent twice that of all Europe.

According to the French geographer, Elisee Reclus, the moon might fall in the unknown regions of the Antarctic without touching any known country.

The well equipped Belgian expedition commanded by Lieutenant de Gerlache entered Arctic seas in 1897 and for thirteen months were frozen in the ice pack.

The main results of the expedition were the discovery of a new strait nearly as large as the Strait of Magellan; the discovery of about one hundred miles of new coast, and of a submarine plateau west of Graham Land and a complete series of meteorological and magnetic observations throughout the Antarctic expedition was an English one, under the command of Borchgrevink.

The sending out of three expeditions during one year discloses an unprecedented interest and stimulus in antarctic work. Early in the sixteenth century Magellan "put his line around about the earth" from east to west, and it looks as though the early years of the twentieth century would see an earth encircling line run through the poles.

The British Expedition.

The British expedition will be the first to get away, and will start its specially built ship, the Discovery, some time during the month of August.

The expedition has a financial backing of \$500,000 to which the government contributed \$250,000, and the balance has been contributed by the Royal Geographical Society and by private individuals, chief of whom are Mr. Alfred Harmsworth and Mr. L. W. Longstaff, who each contributed \$125,000.

The expedition hopes to go beyond the spot discovered by Ross and to solve the great problem of the huge ice barrier. It aims to discover new lands and to render benefits to those who navigate south of 40 degrees south latitude by correcting the numerous erroneous magnetic curves, also to locate the drifting south magnetic pole, and to advance the knowledge of southern meteorology.

Through the British are notably a nation of explorers, yet the Discovery is the first ship ever built in England for the express purpose of exploration.

The Discovery was launched at Dundee on March 21 last by Lady Markham. The new Discovery is a remarkably strong ship, being built of well seasoned oak and greenheart. She is solid for nine feet from her stem, which is bound round with iron plates. Her massive ribs almost touch one another, and her sides are 2-1/2 feet in thickness.

The German Expedition.

To some extent the Discovery will work in conjunction with the German expedition, which has been equipped by the German government at the suggestion of Dr. Posadowsky-Weinner, Minister of the Interior.

The expedition will be led by Dr. Trich von Drygalski, and the scientific staff comprises Dr. Ernst Vanhoffen, zoologist and botanist; Dr. Hans Ganser, surgeon and bacteriologist; Dr. Emil Philipp, geologist and chemist; Dr. Frederich Bidlinmarer, magnetician and meteorologist.

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ters may be established and scientific experiments carried on. Meantime, individual members of the expedition will journey further south, toward the pole, more particularly toward the magnetic pole.

The Swedish Expedition.

The third Antarctic expedition goes from Sweden, and is under the leadership of Dr. Otto Nordenskjold, of Upsala university.

The vessel of this Swedish expedition, which has been equipped at Gothenburg, at a cost of \$50,000, has had a strange history. She was built some years ago at Sandefjord, the Norwegian Dunelm, in an attempt to revive the old sperm whaling industry in Antarctic seas.

Professor Nathorst also used the vessel in a vain search for Andree. Afterward she was employed in Greenland at the expense of the Danish government, by Lieutenant Amtrup.

Dr. Nordenskjold proposes to sail to the Antarctic region via Terra del Fuego some time in November next, and thence he will go southward in January.

In the following spring the members left on the Antarctic continent will be taken away, and the vessel will sail for home. Besides the leader the expedition is composed of six savants, two biologists and two experts in hydrographical, magnetic, meteorological and geographical sciences; a surgeon, fifteen hands, the captain of the ship and four officers complete the expedition.

The expedition will act in harmony with and be a support to the British and German ones. Dr. Nordenskjold has for some years been engaged in planning this Antarctic expedition, and has naturally derived great benefit from the experiences of his famous uncle in this task.

The feeling of friendly rivalry and the willingness to co-operate among these three well equipped expeditions argues very strongly the interests of science and of mankind at large. In order to wrest from the Antarctic the secrets which have been held so long a cord of vessels is required, all co-operating and thus naturally increasing observations, and there is ample work for all.

Interesting Antarctic Questions.

A number of interesting questions, interesting not only to the scientists, but to people in general, can be set at rest by successful antarctic research.

In the northern hemisphere there is a pole, almost completely surrounded by continental land, and continental conditions for the most part prevail. In the southern hemisphere on the other hand, according to the best authorities, there is almost certainly a continent at the South Pole, which is completely surrounded by the ocean.

Every department of natural knowledge would indeed be enriched by the systematic observations of a few vessels closing upon the southern extremity. A more accurate knowledge of meteorological conditions in the Antarctic, for instance, would aid greatly in forming correct weather prognostications, and the weather to come is naturally an absorbing question for all civilized men.

UNCLE SI'S MISTAKE.

"No, Mandy," said Uncle Si, "I'll never try to follow the example of a great man again."
What's the matter now, Silas? she asked.

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