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IN HONOR OF THE BENCH.

The expressions of the Silver Bow bar today touching the death of the late William H. De Witt were eloquent and heartfelt. It may be truthfully said that no attorney in Montana ever stood higher in the estimation of the courts, of his associates and of the people than did Judge De Witt.

Politically, Judge De Witt was an ardent and consistent republican, in whose mind party success ever transcended individual preference and whose patriotism was of the purest type.

"I believe that yellow journalism and political demagoguism are responsible for this crime of the century." Judge De Witt was always frank and resolute in doing right. He feared nothing except to do wrong.

A new school history designates Theodore Roosevelt as the twenty-sixth president of the United States. This is clearly wrong. No disagreement was reached in enumerating the presidents until Cleveland's second term.

When Secretary Gage turned over the treasury department to his successor Saturday those present at the ceremony of swearing in the new incumbent were moved to tears.

From several parts of the state come protests indicating that the agreement entered into among the state's assessors may not be lived up to. It is said the stock counties do not take kindly to the stock valuations and may use their own judgment, especially in the matter of assessing sheep.

Congressman Shafroth of Colorado predicts dire consequences if congress permits the silver dollar to rest upon a gold basis for support. Shafroth's predictions are merely valuable as curious instances of the interminable number of errors one may fall into in the course of a lifetime.

The railroad engineers on the Lake Shore line will receive about \$250,000 more wages this year than last. A raise of wages on the line has affected 800 employes in the engine service.

Even after the war taxes are wiped out there will be plenty of revenue to fill the treasury to overflowing. In these piping times of prosperity the surplus cannot be kept down.

As Senator Teller grows older his slavery to the habit of talking too much becomes pathetic.

THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

The purchase of the Danish West Indies by the United States concludes negotiations that have been hanging fire for fully a third of a century. The group comprises three islands, with a combined area of about 225 square miles.

RAILWAY MILEAGE.

To what stupendous proportions the railways of the country have grown! It is estimated that the railroad mileage of the United States would make a globe around the globe eight times. The work of extension is going on at the rate of twelve miles a day, and the rolling stock now in use is sufficient to give every five miles of track a train of eight cars and a locomotive.

The total area of the public land of the states and territories is \$1,884,021,769 acres. Of this acreage fully one-half belongs to the national government.

Governor Taft has said that the hope of the Filipino is in education. When the Filipino found who were his real friends in this country he took a long step in advance of his benighted condition where he listened to the vapors of Bryan and the "ants" of Boston.

The city should enforce its order requiring railroad flagmen at dangerous crossings. The mayor now has an opportunity to settle the question as to whether his dorsal vertebra is stiff enough to execute the council's decrees.

The United States owes nothing to Cuba. If Cuban sugar is not allowed to enter at a low tariff rate, or none at all, it will be because the interests of the people of the United States were placed first—and that is as it should be.

The sudden death of the two murderers who broke jail and tried to escape from officers at Pittsburg, Pa., will have the effect of bringing into fashion again the time-honored practice of relying upon the indifference of the jury.

The processions of criminals on their way to Deer Lodge from the district courts in Park and Gallatin counties are sights calculated to induce the belief that the mills of justice in those sections are not so slow.

Telegraph messages now pass from Fort Egbert, Alaska, to Washington. This form of telegraph expansion is likely to give anti-expansionists a renewed attack of blushing for their country.

The young violinist, Kubelik, refused to be kissed by a mob of music-mad women, and thus proved that he was looking for the free advertising that comes from the happening of the unexpected.

Governor McBride of Washington is the recipient of praise for his official acts that indicates he will be even a more popular and able executive than Governor Rogers, his predecessor in office.

The destruction of thirteen thousand dollars' worth of property in the little town of Clancy Friday night was as unlucky as anything that has ever been brought about by that combination.

The fact that Ohio democrats have not wryed their feet on the portrait of Bryan for several months has induced the belief that harmony has been restored in the party ranks of that state.

The members of congress from the Western states who have decided to insist that the irrigation bill precede the river and harbor bill seem to have the upper hand in the legislative game.

Congress is right in deciding that the burdens at home should be lightened before those of other people. The repeal of the war revenue bill is of vastly more importance than the Cuban tariff.

IN BEHALF OF THE INDIAN

[Tacoma News.]

The Indian Rights association is a non-partisan, non-sectarian organization for promoting the civilization of the Indian and for securing his natural and political rights. To this end it aims to collect and collate facts, principally through the personal investigations of its officers and agents, regarding the Indian's relations with the government and with our own race, concerning his progress in industry and education, his present and future needs.

Upon the basis of facts, and of legitimate conclusions drawn from them, the association appeals to the American people for the maintenance of such a just and wise policy upon the part of the executive and congress in dealing with these helpless wards of the nation as may discourage fraud and violence, promote education, obedience to law, and honorable labor, and finally result in the complete absorption of the Indian into the common life of the nation.

The executive committee of the association is convinced that the present outlook for the Indian in this country is particularly bright, and the chief reason for this hopeful assurance is found in the attitude of President Roosevelt. No man in the country is believed to have a fuller or more practical sympathy with the Indian than he, not a better understanding of their conditions and needs.

"The president's natural disposition," says the report of the committee, "is to be frank, just and manly. Mr. Roosevelt first knew the Indian on the rougher, harder side, which he says in his earlier experience of frontier and cowboy life. Later he visited a number of Indian reservations and saw the governmental and philanthropic side of the question."

If the canal bill is laid on the shelf, the people will be disposed to doubt that congress is as susceptible to the influence of public sentiment as was generally supposed.

Montana's supreme court, while not professing to give free instruction in elementary law, occasionally teaches a presumptuous attorney a lesson in correct behavior.

Dillon would respectfully call the attention of Mr. Carnegie to the fact that his library offer to that town is about a thousand dollars short of being the right change.

Millions of mouths in the teeming Orient must be fed by the flour of the Northwest, thus making of immense value every foot of agricultural land in Montana.

The taxpayers who want the surplus reduced are opposed to submitting the national treasury to a political surgical operation at the hands of the democratic party.

Since Charlie Towne broke up the democratic platform to construct a derick for a Texas oil well, not a howl of calamity has come from his direction.

Problems of taxation figure largely in the computations of citizens in every part of the state as the time for the assessor to make his rounds approaches.

Owing to circumstances over which he has no control, Mr. Kid Curry will not join the homeseekers who are coming to Montana this spring.

Unfortunately for Admiral Schley, Senator William Mason has not decided to withdraw his support of the naval hero.

There is a well defined suspicion that the away-below-zero weather will let up only long enough to take a tighter grip.

Students of the school of mines at Golden, Colo., also promise to join the immigration to Montana.

All hope of a zeroless February fell flat as soon as the mercury dropped.

What Would It Profit? [St. Louis Post-Dispatch.] What shall it profit St. Louis to have a world's fair in 1903 with wretched streets, dirty water, and unfinished sewers?

The Hoosier Scale. [Minneapolis Times.] Perry Belmont's little campaign for congress cost him over \$14,000 and he received 7238 votes. That was the price in Indiana in the good old times.

Get Up and Hum. [Washington Evening Times.] Kipling has gone to South Africa and Richard Harding Davis has sailed for Chile, and now the inhabitants will really have to make things hum.

A High Flyer. [Memphis Commercial-Appeal.] It is now stated that the German emperor's new yacht will be named Meteor, not Alice. The emperor evidently means to name the yacht after himself, after all.

governor of New York aimed to inaugurate a thorough system of industrial training for the Indian tribes still living in New York state.

Some years ago Mr. Roosevelt made an address at a meeting of the association which abounded in practical suggestions and fully disclosed his attitude toward the Indian. As to what he will be able as president to do to improve the condition of the red man the association is not prepared to predict, but a recent Washington dispatch to the Boston Transcript is quoted as a fair indication of the policy he will adopt.

The substance of the dispatch was that the president had gone over the Indian situation carefully with the Indian commissioners and that some radical changes were to be made along the lines recommended by the commissioner, looking, in a general way, toward removing those influences which tend to pauperize the Indian. Rations will generally be cut off, and instead of paying annuities on Indian funds, the aim will be to use the money in local improvements.

The government will work for the more rapid breaking up of tribal relations, although the process will be necessarily slow. President Roosevelt certainly enjoys the utmost confidence of the people who are especially interested in the welfare of the American Indian.

Fears a Raid. [Baltimore American.] Alfred Austin writes as if he feared that the American poets would join in the raid on British markets.

A Public Benefactor. [Memphis Commercial-Appeal.] A New York magistrate has decided that it is a crime to smoke cigarettes, but it seems to us he takes an extreme view of the matter. The cigarette is the only efficient fool killer.

PERSONAL.

Charles L. Hutchinson, the millionaire banker of Chicago, has been a church-worshiper and a Sunday school superintendent for the past 24 years.

Senator McEnery of Louisiana says his election cost him just \$5.00, the price of a railroad ticket from New Orleans to Baton Rouge, the state capital.

C. S. Dalryple of Alexandria, Ind., is the possessor of the most extensive and unique collection of pipes in that state. Several are hundreds of years old and have curious and tragic histories.

Secretary Hay's funeral oration on William McKinley will be delivered before the senate and house of representatives at Washington on February 17-20 years to a day after Secretary Blaine's previous oration in memory of Garfield.

A bronze statue of Theodore Parker has been placed on the lawn of the First Parish (Unitarian) church at West Roxbury by that society of which Mr. Parker was the pastor when it worshiped in the old meeting house in Center street, near South, in West Roxbury.

Col. Henry Watterson, the veteran journalist, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, is one of the hardest working men in the newspaper profession. Though well advanced in years, he gets to his office every morning at 10 o'clock, which necessitates very early rising, as he lives 20 miles from Louisville and drives to his office being a spirited pair of Kentucky mares.

Travel on His Reputation. [Washington Star.] It is said that Santos Dumont will bring his flying machine to this country. No reputation is complete until its owner has made a tour of America.

Quakes All Around. [Milwaukee Wisconsin.] The promoters of delay in the isthmian canal matter, who claim that the Nicaragua route is through the only earthquake and volcanic belt, ought to be convinced by the reports from St. Louis, Mexico City and "intermediate points" that the earthquake belt is a very broad affair.

THE SUGAR TARIFF INQUIRY

[Denver Republican.]

The Louisiana sugar planters presented a strong argument against a reduction in the tariff on raw sugar when they represented to the house committee on ways and means that a reduction in that tariff would inure to the benefit of the sugar trust rather than to planters in Cuba.

The Cuban sugar planters are in a situation similar to that of the sugar beet growers in the United States in respect to the cane sugar trust. Removal of the raw sugar tariff would enable the sugar trust to bring the raw material for its refineries into the country without paying duty, but it does not follow that it would sell any cheaper on that account to American consumers or pay any more to Cuban producers.

The cane sugar trust is very anxious that the raw sugar tariff be reduced, but it has nothing to say in favor of reducing the tariff on the refined product. It would be compelled to sell cheaper to American consumers if the tariff on refined sugar should be reduced, but the reduction on raw sugar would not of necessity have any effect at all on its prices.

It is well enough to think about Cuba and its industries, but it is right to consider the industries of this country at the same time. A reduction in the tariff on tobacco could be made with but slight injury to American interests, for there is little tobacco grown in the United States which competes with the Cuban product. But to take the tariff

MONTANA CURRENT NOTES.

Big Timber—Dr. G. J. McKay has been appointed health officer.

Red Lodge—Jacob Antilla, a Finn miner, was killed in the Rocky Fork coal mines, by a stone falling upon him.

Helena—Nordica has been engaged to sing here February 24. This is the only city in the state she will visit on her tour.

Helena—Word has been received here that Mrs. J. W. Hamilton, sister of John R. Toole, is dead at her home in Greenwood, B. C.

Billings—Subscriptions to the amount of \$150 were raised here for the McKinley Memorial fund. The little town of Junction sent in \$11.25.

Great Falls—Charles A. Sudwell, formerly employed by A. Nathan, clothier, has been arrested, charged with cashing a bogus check on the First National bank at the Cuban saloon.

Great Falls—J. H. Klepinger's team won the Tracy loving cup at the conclusion of the bowling tournament Saturday night. Dan Tracy immediately challenged the winners to another contest.

Billings—Burlington surveyors are still encamped on Alkali creek. They have been joined by two engineers from Lincoln, Neb., and the report that the work on the Great Falls-Billings line will be stopped is denied.

Livingston—At 4:30 Saturday afternoon, the jury acquitted H. S. Gasaway of the charge of cattle stealing. Mike Harrington, accused of being Gasaway's accomplice, had turned state's evidence and was released.

Helena—The Capital City is the mecca of \$150 worth of sheep from the Northwest states, incident to the national convention of the Pacific Northwest Wool-growers. A number of delegates have arrived. The convention opens tomorrow.

Helena—Miss Louise Bradley of the firm of Butcher and Bradley, died Saturday at her old home on Staten Island, New York, where she went in December for the benefit of her health. She had resided in Helena 11 years and was 62 years of age.

Helena—Leonard Steinbrenner has sworn out a warrant charging James Day with passing forged checks to the amount of \$41.70, at his Main street saloon, about three months ago. It is understood that Day is working at the Wickes tunnel.

Great Falls—An inquest on the body of Hans Tofte, which was found frozen and stiff with cold, rendered a verdict that Tofte came to his death by exposure to cold. Certain suspicious circumstances in connection with the affair, and conflicting testimony given, has decided the officers to make a searching further investigation.

Helena—The State ex rel. William L. Steele, county treasurer of Lewis and Clarke vs. the Northern Pacific Express company, was argued in the district court Saturday. It is brought to determine whether express companies can be compelled to pay license for doing business in Montana. No matter how Judge Smith decides it, the case will be carried up.

Helena—Montana Wesleyan university has chosen C. P. Hargraves, whose home is in Butte; W. E. Fisher of Helena and Melvin Hunt, with H. A. Kliver of Butte as alternate, to represent the Helena school at the intercollegiate debate at the Agricultural college in Bozeman the latter part of March. Wesleyan will represent the negative. The question will be, "Resolved that trusts are beneficial to our national prosperity."

Histrionic Ability That Paid. [Washington Star.] A prominent actress has just sold, for \$30,000, a piece of property which cost her only \$9000. She is congratulating herself on the fact that this is one enterprise in which she did not have to share profits with the theatrical trust.

A Hitch in the Rule. [Minneapolis Times.] A beauty doctor informs a homely world that the face, from the highest point of the forehead to the point of the chin, is one-tenth of the stature of a correctly proportioned person. If this rule held good, some of our bald-headed friends would be about nine feet high.

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