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EIGHT-HOUR DAY PERMANENT.

In Great Falls on Saturday evening on the occasion of the banquet tendered to Mr. Frank Klepetko, ex-manager of the smelter at that point, Mr. Scallon in response to a toast, adverted, in strong and earnest language, to the rumor that the company he represents in Montana is desirous of reopening the eight-hour question, Mr. Scallon stated, for the information of his hearers and the public, that the Amalgamated company had neither inclination nor desire to revive the eight-hour issue or prolong the hours of labor in Montana as fixed by law and in force and effect with entire satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Scallon in his speech referred to two rumors which had been industriously circulated and which have found their way into print; one that the Great Falls smelter was to close down, and the other that it was the intention of the Amalgamated company to reopen the eight-hour question and attempt to have the eight-hour law repealed. Mr. Scallon gave emphatic denial to both these rumors, and in speaking of the eight-hour law stated in substance, that the question of hours at the mines and smelters had been settled and settled forever; that the Amalgamated companies had put the eight-hour system in operation in the mines and smelters without seeking or asking for a reduction in wages on account of it.

"Pay no attention," said Mr. Scallon, "to this rumor; we do not wish to reopen the eight-hour question; we have accepted the eight-hour system; it is in force in all our mines and smelters. It is in force for all time. Large bodies move slowly and large organizations act cautiously, deliberately and conservatively. It is the fullness of time this eight-hour question was taken up by our companies and settled; once settled it was settled forever. We do not wish to reopen the question; we have no wish to see the law repealed; we have neither the intention nor desire to seek to change the law or to prolong the hours of labor in Montana. Pay no more attention to this rumor than to that concerning the closing down of the works."

To the miners and business men of Butte who know Mr. Scallon to be a man of earnest purpose it will not be necessary for him to repeat the above assurances. They were publicly given in the presence of the leading citizens of Great Falls and are of permanent record and are an emphatic and trustworthy refutation of a report plainly intended to injure the cause of labor and capital in this state.

THE GOVERNOR AND THE RAILROADS.

A few days ago the State Board of Equalization, of which Governor Toole is the controlling spirit, undertook to make a play to the galleries by a sudden and tremendous increase in the railroad assessment. A considerable raise was demanded by the people and would have been equitable and satisfactory. Mr. Toole, however, insisted on an increase of 300 per cent. He ordered the assessment increased from \$15,000,000 to \$49,000,000, but finally consented to a slight reduction from those figures. The remarkable feature of his excellency's sudden outburst of solicitude for the taxpayers is, that last year, with the same board and the same railroads and equal actual values, he did not suggest the raise of a single dollar in the assessment, being evidently convinced that the then existing rate was just to the people and fair to the railroads. There was no campaign on last year—there is one this year, so the governor, for that or some other unexplained reason, approved the old tax in 1901, but demanded an increase of 300 per cent in 1902.

But alas! that is not all. The governor having in the early part of last week, on behalf of the people, demanded 300 per cent increase and consented reluctantly to the somewhat lesser figure set by a majority of the board, consented to a rehearing in the latter part of the week on behalf of the railroads and acquiesced in a reduction of 20 per cent from the valuation by the board at its earlier settings.

Truly the governor is a great politician. Having put up the taxes to please the taxpayers, he put them down again to please the railroads. Having thus pleased both sides he may rest content in the assurance that when next the people go to the polls, they will support him because he is independent of railroad influence, and that railroads will likewise support him because he is not swayed by the clamor of the people.

The American people have not yet made any mistake in standing by their army, the boys in the field. They will make no mistake by standing by the army in the Philippines and for all it has accom-

plished. The democratic party is in favor of repudiating the work of our soldiers and undoing, so far as possible, all that they have done. Not so the American people. They will stand by the army and the flag and in the not distant future even the democratic party will be glad of it. The army and the flag never make any mistakes.

A RAID ON THE SPORTS.

A report comes from Helena to the effect that the state law department is about to begin another campaign on behalf of the enforcement of the statute against gambling. It is well known to the governor that the law against card playing for money is being flagrantly violated all over Montana and the belief is expressed in Helena that his excellency after having the matter under consideration for nearly two years, has ordered Attorney General Donovan to enforce that law in view of the approach of the fall campaign. Mr. Donovan has already donned his war paint and will demand of County Attorney Breen that he make the first attack. Mr. Breen's opposition to state interference with his administration is well known, so he will be given the opportunity to make the initial move. It is well known to the state law department that all sorts of gambling and every known variety of slot machines are in full blast and have been for some time, so that Mr. Breen will not be allowed much time to begin the music.

As to pool selling within the limits the less said the better in view of the drubbing the city government recently received from the pool rooms. Even the state government has ordered no proceedings taken against the pool rooms, confining its attention to the far less injurious forms of "sport."

UNCLE JOE'S GREAT SPEECH.

Uncle Joe Cannon of Illinois has been a long time in the harness and has been confessedly one of the most efficient men ever been on the wrong side. He has been steadfast for the people's interests as he saw them, and he generally saw them in the right light. His reply to a set speech delivered by Congressman Richardson of Tennessee, in the closing hours of the last session, is a worth keeping before the people. It is a quaint bit of oratory and yet forceful and pictured the attitude of the two parties with great fidelity. Said Mr. Cannon:

"We are not perfect and we do not claim to be. We pull the wagon and we do the work and you find the fault. You have been at it now for over a generation and still we have pulled along. I think we will pull it for a generation more, and still you scold. We cannot help it. It does you good, and I do not think it hurts us. Great God! Think of it! You had full power under Cleveland. You came into power partially, from time to time, but then you had full power. It is recent—from 1893 to 1897. Do you not wish you could blot out the recollection of the manner in which you exercised it? And for gall and cheek, with that recent performance, now, when we are doing the best we can—not perfect—meeting every obligation, the country prospering, passed through the war with honor, passed through the war with justice, solving the questions that grew out of the war, and solving them with courage, notwithstanding the criticism and the opposition of gentlemen of your party, still you scold! It is the way of the world. Go on; I do not think you can fool the people."

This savors somewhat of Lincoln's style of speech-making, straightforward without frills or filigree. When a man like Cannon speaks, the people listen, and they will listen to this speech, at this time, with particular interest.

RAILROAD ASSESSMENTS AGAIN.

At the hearing which the state board of equalization granted to the representatives of the railroad property in Montana was cut down from \$49,000,000, the amount fixed week before last, to \$31,450,000. This latter figure does not include the sidetracks and when these are assessed at 10 per cent of the valuation placed on the main lines, the aggregate will be in the neighborhood of \$32,000,000, or a reduction of about \$8,000,000 from the total fixed by the board at its prior meeting.

The original assessment was, of course, unreasonably high. It amounted to a tax upon the roads from 4 to 6 per cent of their gross earnings. As Tax Commissioner Fernald of the Northern Pacific very aptly said, it was a notice posted at the boundaries of the state, "We want no more railroads." Every citizen of the state knows that Montana wants all the railroad facilities possible. The mineral and agricultural resources of the state require railroads for their development, and while it is proper that these roads should pay their just share of taxation it is unfair to the roads and against the interests of the people of the state to tax railroad property excessively.

There is not much doubt that notwithstanding this reduction, the spirit of hostility that some members of the board have shown toward this class of investment will check railroad building within the state to an extent which will seriously affect the interests of the people. For this reason the attitude of these members of the board is not a matter for public congratulation.

MONTANA PETROLEUM.

The valued Oil City Derrick is the acknowledged authority on matters pertaining to petroleum. It is published, and has been for more than a quarter of a century, where the scent of the oil tank is wafted on the breeze. The oil development has moved away from it somewhat, breaking out with great violence in West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Colorado, California and Texas. Still the Derrick remains the oracle of the business just the same. In view of these facts we do not like to see cold water dashed on the possible oil fields of Montana by our wise

and valued contemporary. In a recent issue it says:

"The Kintla oil fields near Helena, Montana, have been visited by an Eastern oil expert named Francis, who is ready to give the most flattering reports and seems to be responsible for a large amount of misplaced confidence in the prospects of the district as petroleum territory. Although not a single producing well is in evidence the field is pronounced as likely to excel the old oil sections of Pennsylvania. The Standard Oil company, the Grandins and many others are reported to be very much interested in the new field. Mr. Francis is telling the natives that oil is playing out in the Eastern oil field and that down in Pennsylvania three barrel wells 'even' are being pumped. And he might have added that a man with ten or twelve three barrel wells 'even' was as comfortably fixed as the owner of shares in a good paying gold mine. Mr. Francis believes that the Montana oil fields will equal in extent and value of output those of Pennsylvania. He says: 'The Butte Oil company's well is now down more than 1,000 feet, and there is a strong flow of gas and some oil in the well. The Kintla company, composed of Kallispell men, is rushing its work. Their rig is in place near the mouth of Kintla creek, and as they have almost immediately encountered the sand rock their progress will be very rapid. Ninety days will probably see them in the oil sands.' But it may take them 90 days before they find a well that will do three barrels a day 'even' for any great length of time. Mr. Francis is evidently very poorly informed in regard to matters in the Eastern oil fields."

It pains us to have our oil fields piped off in this light and airy vein. Our efforts to find oil are serious, and we would be obliged if the oil oracle would treat them a little more seriously. Give us a chance to get down to our 'oil sands' and compel them to give up their secrets. Don't condemn our oil wells while they are yet on top of the ground. And, by the way, did not the Oil City Derrick whistle the Bradford field down the wind as lightly as a thistle, and didn't the Bradford field develop into the greatest oil district that the world ever knew, the richness of which rivaled the mines of Solomon? Give the Montana oil miners a chance to develop things.

THE ELK VISITATION.

Butte has been overrun today by Elks on their way to the New Jerusalem for their annual convocation. The Montana Elks are a manly, chivalrous crowd, as lively as they are generous, as generous as they are brave, as brave as they are tender. They are going to Zion to have a good time, to sing "Auld Lang Syne," to swim in the salt lake and sulphur springs, to indulge the spirit of fraternity for 24 hours a day and devote the rest of the time to sleep. In all 20,000 Elks are expected to foregather. Many of them for lack of hotel accommodation may have to sleep in the grass, or elsewhere, but they will not fail to paint the city of saints red, white and blue and to return home feeling that the Elks are by no means the W. T. C. O. E.—which means the worst temperance cranks on earth.

OLNEY WILL DO.

The news from Boston that the Massachusetts democratic state convention next month will endorse Richard Olney as the democratic candidate for president is not at all surprising.

The signs in the East have been pointing to Mr. Olney for some time. Prior to the Tilden club dinner indications were not lacking that both Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Hill were endeavoring to line up the party in New York state for the ex-secretary of state. This implies, of course, that both Cleveland and Hill regard themselves as out of the race, as they probably are. Mr. Bryan is of course not thought of for the nomination outside the sphere of influence of the Commoner office, which is not extensive.

Republicans have a right to regret the elimination of these three great democrats, for obvious reasons. If Colonel Watterston and Mr. Gorman are also out of the reckoning, that is another matter for republican tears. Still we have no right to expect everything exactly to our liking. Mr. Olney as a democratic candidate should really be regarded by republicans as a tolerably "good thing," so to speak. As a member of Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, he did nothing to kindle the affections of the people. If he developed any special quality it was that of the hide-bound party man of the Cleveland school.

If we may be permitted to express an opinion, it is that Mr. Olney would be a much easier man to defeat than his distinguished chief, the present bulky sage of Princeton. We trust it may be Olney, and even in advance of the Massachusetts democratic state convention we avail ourselves of the opportunity to warmly recommend him.

WHY PYRAMIDS WERE BUILT.

[Knowledge.] The interest of the Delhi and Benares observatories lies for us in the fact that they recall a time far in the past when astronomers sought for exactness by the erection of huge structures of stone. Of these the great pyramid is by far the greatest and most perfect example. Britain has its own monument—Stonehenge—which has been claimed as, if not indeed an astronomical observatory, at least an astronomical temple, and many attempts have been made to determine the date at which it was erected. The difficulty, not to say the impossibility, of solving this problem in the present state of the monument may be inferred from the fact that the dates which different careful observers have deduced for its erection extend over a period of more than 2,000 years.

The real work of astronomy was never done in edifices like these. Nor, indeed, does it require much knowledge of human nature, essentially the same 5,000 years ago as today, to see that the true secret of the pyramid, the amply sufficient cause for its building, was the vanity of the ruling pharaoh. Alike at Delhi, at Ghizeh, and at Salisbury plain, as by the Euphrates, to "make a name" was the exciting motive. Astronomers may have been employed to superintend the work, astronomy, or the study of the celestial bodies, may have been the excuse, but the real object was advertisement.

PEOPLE WE MEET.

W H I S T, now; be easy! Harry Tracy is in town! Just saw him in the Original Had Tracy Cornered Mug saloon! It's in a Butte Saloon. him all right and no mistake, for I am well acquainted with him—have known him for years—the same old Wisconsin Tracy!"

When he first entered the jail office he asked for the chief of detectives and when told he was not in and would probably be around until the next morning he wanted the chief of police. He was not there and then the caller unfolded to Jailer Shay the object of his visit. "They think Tracy is dead," said he, "but he is not. They got the wrong man. He is awfully sunburned and as jolly as a king. I know it is Tracy."

"I don't want him," replied the jailer. "If you have him spotted go down and get him."

"I don't want him either, but he is Tracy just the same. I have known him a long time. They got the wrong man, I say."

"Well, young fellow, we have no use for him just now."

"Young fellow! I am 40 years old and have lived in Butte fourteen years. And you don't want Tracy?"

The stamp of "young fellow" gave a "hic" and faded through the doorway with the thump of disgust depicted on his face. He had Harry Tracy cornered in the Original Mug and no one would make an attempt to capture him.

"BELIEVE that Theodore Roosevelt has a sure thing on the republican nomination for president two years hence said James K. Thompson who has recently returned from a tour of nomination."

"One would hardly believe that so aggressive a man as is the president would have so many friends, but so far as I could learn, he will have no opposition for the republican nomination and an absolute certainty of election."

"I was in Cleveland, Ohio, for some days," said Mr. Thompson, "and prominent republicans there told me that Senator Hanna would not oppose Mr. Roosevelt, who would undoubtedly get the Ohio delegation, but that even if the senator did have presidential ambitions he would be compelled by the Ohio republicans to lay them aside for four years longer."

In relation to the candidates for the democratic nomination and the possible nominees, Mr. Thompson seems to think that Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, will be the man.

"Tom Johnson has immense wealth, no conscience and is without any well defined views upon any public question and would therefore make an ideal democratic candidate," said Mr. Thompson.

As to business conditions in the east, Mr. Thompson says that while the whole country is prosperous, times are not particularly lively at present.

STATE POLITICS. Odds and Ends of Comment by Montana Newspapers.

The candidates named at the recent socialist state convention will have the pleasure of seeing their names on the official ballot, but do not expect to make a brilliant finish. Montana voters to the number of about seven hundred supported the socialist ticket at the last election, out of a total vote of over 63,000—Benton River Press.

The Great Falls Tribune says: "The way for Montana democrats to win it is to keep themselves entirely free from any entangling alliances. This is a rather late discovery. Heretofore the democracy of this state has stood ready to form any kind of an alliance.—Fergus County Argus."

F. Aug. Heinze has shown his sincerity since openly announcing his affiliation with the democrats of the state by sending one of his flamboyant, pyrotechnic adjective hurlers to take charge of the editorial columns of the Rosebud County News. As a calamity howler and manipulator of bogiemens the new editor is a peach. The fact that he does not adhere as closely to the lines of truth as he might does not seem to lessen his enthusiasm or vigor in the least.—Billings Gazette.

MONTANA ELKS ARE

Promptly at 7 o'clock Conductor Burke will shout, "All aboard!" and the Elks of Montana will be off in a bunch. The train is scheduled to arrive at Ogden at 7:10 in the morning. There will be a stop there of one hour for breakfast. Leaving Ogden at 8:10, the Montana delegation will pull into Salt Lake at 9 o'clock and will have an hour before the opening of the meeting at 10 o'clock. The train will then be taken to the sidetracks on East Third street, within half a block from the Montana headquarters, where the aches will be left during the meeting.

The feature of the day's amusement was the parade of the Elks which started from the Elks' hall on upper Main street at two o'clock headed by Drum Major Shoemaker gorgeous in his uniform of red and white and his stately bearskin shako which added to his six feet and a half, made him an imposing figure. The Boston & Montana band in their handsome uniforms led the way down Main street and following two deep came the Butte Elks and the visitors in their uniforms. Many had the simple streamer of purple and white. Others had more significant emblems of the order.

At the corner of Park and Main streets they boarded special cars prepared for them by Manager Wharton—three jumbo cars and one regular were flowing over when the Elks left for the race track. They are enjoying themselves at the track this afternoon as Elks alone know how.

In all 120 members of the Butte branch of the order have signed their names this afternoon for berths in the special.

The Order of Parade. Following will be the order of the great parade to be held Wednesday afternoon: Grand Esquire Edward Leach, Grand Marshal Dan C. Loftus, in carriages. Samuel C. Park, chief of staff. Kenneth Clark, bugler.

Chief Aides—Colonel W. D. Van Blarcom, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Beers, Captain J. A. Greenwald, George Westervelt.

Aides—George D. Alder, E. A. Tripp, C. H. Brink, Dr. S. Ewing, E. F. Root, A. L. Lovey, Grant Hampton, J. H. McChrystal, I. N. Brooks, R. A. Keenan.

Held's military band. Grand Exalted Ruler Charles E. Pickett, Grand Esteemed Leading Knight Al. G. Field, in carriages. Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight, W. B. Brock, Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight A. H. Pickens, in carriages. Grand Secretary George A. Reynolds, Grand Treasurer Ed. S. Orris, Grand Tiler Joseph Henning, in carriages.

Board of Grand Trustees—Joseph T. Fanning, John D. O'Shea, Henry W. Mears.

Seven Divisions. The visiting delegations will be in seven divisions, following these officers. Among the bands in attendance will be the Ogden band, the Second Kansas Infantry, Satriano's band of Denver, the Cowboy band of Durango, the Midland band of Colorado Springs, the Third United States Artillery band and the band that will carry away the trophy—our own Boston & Montana.

Colonel Samuel C. Park will be chief of staff in the parade. He will be assisted by the following marshals: First division, Lieutenant Colonel J. O. Nystrom; second division, Charles H. Bodwell; third division, Ben Heywood; fourth division, Elkan Morganstern; fifth division, A. J. Davis; sixth division, J. E. Dunn, past exalted ruler of San Francisco; seventh division, J. E. Hill, Jr.

Bunch From Butte. Many of the local members had not signed the roll of those who will represent Montana from this city but among those who will have berths in the Butte coaches are the following:

W. H. Haviland, Frank Klepetko, H. A. Galloway, Thomas Harnois, George H. Sasey, James King, P. C. Gillis, John N. Kirk, Adolph Weinstein, Arthur H. Mueller, Cal Colbert, James A. Mackel, S. M. Treloar, Thomas Watters, Benjamin Bonino, John Matejcek, Frank Hally, Alex. Borgo, Mike Grosso, Harry Robinson, J. J. Hammill, J. R. Cochran, John Berkin, P. H. Regan, John Scovill, James B. Furey, J. W. Gensberger, T. S. Kilgallon, E. W. Riggs, Lee Davenport, William L. O. Chevrier, E. W. Walsh, C. B. Hustons, Thomas F. Stephens, F. C. Pippet, M. P. Gilchrist, C. P. Connolly, Doctor, H. H. Hanson, E. A. Powers, James J. Canning, A. F. Bray, J. Chauvin, D. Bertoglio, H. J. Rathmiller, M. J. Sternfels, Don Barcf, William Roberts, John Rich, G. A. Humphries, Joseph Ivey, John Carveth, J. I. Vincent, John Moore, W. H. Veale, Sidney Yowren, W. B. Ivey, James Thomas, William J. Bray, W. H. Tugle, E. R. Richards, John Pedlar, Al Castle, Charles Roberts, Joseph Coperi, J. C. Etzspenperger, John Crossman, John McManus, J. H. O'Gorman, A. Underwood, J. C. Strong, Al Balemforth, D. J. Charles, Martin Buckley, Samuel Binder, John Rohant, W. G. McIntire, W. H. Davey, Peter Buckley, Melvire Binder, John Kohant, Robert Murray, J. W. Mueller, D. E. Law, E. F. Mayer, M. B. MacCartney.

These are from Virginia City: A. J. Bennet, past exalted ruler; Lew L. Calloway, past exalted ruler and grand representative; S. R. Buford, past exalted ruler and Mrs. Buford; George E. Gohn and wife; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hill; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Conrey; James B. How; Jacob Albright, Ebbie Smith, Miss Dollie Walker, Charles Walter, L. C. Edwards, Albert Metzler, A. E. Gloyd, Mrs. E. N. Reed and Mrs. Arthur Thomas.

Where Montana Will March. Montana's delegation will march with the Seventh division in the parade. The officers and delegates comprising the division are:

Marshal, J. E. Hill, Jr. Ass't. marshal, M. M. Murtaugh. Ass't. marshal, Thos. Feeney. Ass't. marshal, W. D. Donohoe. Boston and Montana band.

Delegations from Montana: Butte, Helena, Great Falls, Idaho, Pocatello, Boise, Utah; Ogden, Park City, Eureka. Delegations from the following states have already been announced: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida.

Where there are two great political parties, there is no necessity for any third organization. The socialist party sounds like a paradox.—The Madisonian.

The Green-Eyed Monster. [Baltimore American.] What if Emperor William did not care if Baltimore was on the map? Who wants third and fourth class decorations, anyhow?



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