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FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1902.

Welcome home, ye Montana Elks!
You have done nobly, and covered your selves and the state with glory.

You captured one prize and earned two, against the competition of the world.

Elks all over the union now know what a noble band there is grazing on Montana bunch grass.

When it comes to clothes, regalia, drill, music and physical appearance, Montana Elks beat the world.

Sobriety, virtue, discipline and patriotism and jolly good-fellowship are characteristics of Montana Elks.

The Inter Mountain knew they were prize-winners, and on behalf of all the people bids them a great big welcome home. There is no place like home.

BUTTE'S GOOD NAME AT STAKE.

It is a solemn fact that the hotels of this city are unable to accommodate without previous notice more than 300 extra guests.

It is a fact that the lodging houses are nearly all full and cannot combined accommodate, without previous notice, 250 extra guests.

This information is obtained from the hotel and lodging house proprietors and has been printed before for the information of the gentlemen having in charge the coming International Mining Congress.

That congress is likely to bring to this city not fewer than 2,000 men.

Where shall they eat and sleep will be a question to them of far greater import than the cost of mining or the metallurgy of cupriferos ores. This town will be forever disgraced unless the coming strangers shall be well provided for.

The hotels and lodging houses should be notified by the congress managers how many guests they may expect. Hundreds of cots will have to be manufactured. That will require both time and money, for they cannot be made in a day, and if they be not ready many of the guests of the city will have to sleep in the streets or the saloons.

The situation is alarming in the extreme. The committees should at once canvass the city and ascertain the extent of the available accommodation in hotels, lodging houses and private residences. At least two weeks' time should be allowed for the making of the cots required, for there will not be one-tenth enough full-sized beds and single rooms to go round.

Not a day more should be wasted. The committee should stop inviting more men until room and board shall have been found for those already invited.

The responsible citizens of Butte should awake to the urgency of the case and aid the various committees in arranging all preliminaries.

The financial committee is all right and busy, but there seems to be no committee on entertainment; at least such committee is doing nothing that the hotel men know anything about.

Butte will suffer the consequences of a great blunder unless it shall do what is right to welcome the coming guest with something more substantial than smiles and summer drinks.

THE NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.

The appointment of Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes to succeed Justice Gray of the national supreme court has given universal satisfaction. Judge Holmes is a very high class man, at once a student, scientist, legal writer, soldier and patriot. Of his record the following are the salient points:

"Judge Holmes was born in Boston, March 8, 1841. His father was the world famous physician, poet and philosopher, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, and his mother was Amelia Lee Jackson, still remembered as a sparkling belle.

Oliver Jr. received his early education at E. S. Dixwell's private school in Boston, entered Harvard and was graduated in 1861, when he was only 20 years old. July 10 he was commissioned a lieutenant in the Twentieth regiment, commanded by Colonel William Raymond Lee, and departed immediately for the front. He was wounded in the breast at Ball's Bluffs, October 21, 1861; in the neck at Antietam, September 17, 1862, and in the foot at the second Fredericksburg battle in May, 1863.

Six months before the battle of Antietam Lieutenant Holmes was promoted to a captaincy, and two months after the engagement at Fredericksburg was made a lieutenant colonel, though his regiment had been so cut to pieces that his appointment as its second in command never became operative.

When the war was over Colonel Holmes returned to Boston and studied law, first in the office of R. M. Morse and afterward in that of George O. Shattuck. He received an LL. D. from the Harvard

law school and was admitted to the bar in 1866.

Colonel Holmes was appointed associate justice of the supreme court of Massachusetts in 1882, received the degree of LL. D. from Yale in 1886 and in 1899, though the youngest of its justices, was raised to the chief place on the supreme bench by Governor Wolcott."

Such a record should appeal strongly to every ambitious young American. It teaches what study and character will accomplish. It shows how a life may be made useful and honorable. It proves that merit goes not unrecognized in this world and that success is ever the reward of a life devoted to honest work and the maintenance of good moral character.

THE SURRENDER TO THE RAIROADS.

If it was proper this year for the state board of equalization to fix the assessed valuation of railroads in Montana at \$41,000,000, why did it allow the old valuation of \$15,000,000 to stand last year. The governor was ex-officio chairman of the board both years.

Secondly, if the board fixed the valuation this year at \$41,000,000, why did it reduce the figures \$8,000,000 at the demand of the railroads?

The Helena Independent says the reduction was made because the railroads submitted such facts and figures that the board was "enabled to act intelligently." If that be true then it must have acted without intelligence in raising the rate to \$41,000,000. In the light of the Independent's explanation what becomes of the governor's first desire to raise the assessment 300 per cent.

The more the esteemed Independent explains the more the mystery grows.

GLADSTONE'S PROPHETIC WORDS.

The wonderful prosperity of the United States under republican rule recalls to a writer in the St. James Gazette of London the prophetic utterance delivered by Gladstone 25 years ago. He referred to the "menace which, in the prospective development of her resources, America offers to the commercial pre-eminence of England." The Grand Old Man predicted that America, and America alone, "can, and probably will, wrest from us that commercial primacy. We have no title, I have no inclination, to murmur at the prospect. If she acquires it she will make the acquisition by the right of the strongest; but, in this instance, the strongest means the best. She will probably become what we are now, the head servant in the great household of the world, the employer of all employed; because her service will be the most and ablest."

The words of the great Englishman have been realized. The American nation has become the greatest of earth; its people are the best employed at the highest wages, the happiest and the most independent. Only the demagogues who are seeking to stir up strife by corrupt means for selfish purposes deny the glorious prosperity the American people are now enjoying.

TOM LAWSON'S LETTER.

The Hon. Tom Lawson of Boston is out with a letter to the world explaining why his yacht, the Independence, did not enter the last race for the America's cup and giving his opinion of the membership of the New York Yacht club which refused to allow him to race because his name was not on the roll.

Mr. Lawson says the club is a growth of mushroom aristocracy which is composed, he says, "of those who know no law but might; who admit no good but self; whose standard is cunning and whose code is 'get there.'" Probably never in the history of the world has there been a class so powerful for evil as this. "In only one phase of life," says Mr. Lawson, "did this class find itself balked and powerless—sports. Natural towards, queer in body and perverted in mind because of a vicious or low order of ancestry and habit, they could not take active part in those things which have for their foundation courage, manliness and well-proportioned bodies, and their wealth could not buy their cunning steal, nor their power seize those things which nature alone can give."

The rest of the letter tells of Lawson's contempt for these alleged "sports," their action in refusing to let him race and the mishaps which befell the Independence. There is nothing remarkable about the letter except the mystery of what good or harm it may accomplish, and who cares one way or the other.

THE BAND CONTEST.

There is every reason to believe the Boston & Montana band was entitled to first prize in the Elk musical contest at Salt Lake. The fact that Montana had already received one prize may have militated against the award of a second to the Treasure state; but justice recognizes no such reasoning. The state that won should have the prizes regardless of their number. The Boston & Montana band is one of the most wonderful organizations in the world. Its members are practical miners working daily with pick and drill in the granite depths, yet they play the most classical and difficult compositions with a skill and technique that win the admiration of the most captious critic. It is a pity that any trouble arose about a contest which should have been friendly and liberal. Some men will regret that the Butte boys, having fairly earned the prize in the first place, did not win it again when objection was made to the first award, but it is good to know that the Butte band in the public estimation was ahead of all contestants and fairly deserving of the first prize, though awarded the second.

When J. J. Hill remarked in anger that there would be no more railroad building in Montana he probably meant that he wouldn't build any more. But if he will not perhaps someone else will.

A CURIOUS CASE.

Editor Merrill's valise was stolen from the sidewalk in front of a hotel between 11 and 12 o'clock at night and the theft was at once reported to the police by the hotel porter. And yet at half past 7 o'clock next evening the news of the robbery had not reached the ears of the acting chief of police, whose office is but half a block away from the scene of the robbery. One report is that the official who was acting for the Active Chief got wind of the robbery and at once started the machinery of the department at work. Some delay seems to have been caused by the fact that the theft was first reported to a patrolman whose beat is in Dublin Gulch, and as everything was serene in the Gulch it appears not to have been his duty to mix up in affairs down town. The interest in a matter of this kind is by no means confined to police circles. The public has a very considerable interest in it. Co-operation between headquarters and the officers of the force would appear to a layman to be of some little importance if there is to be an effectual administration of the police department. Our wealthy journalistic visitors from the East can no doubt afford to lose their gripsacks. But that isn't the point. Can Butte afford to allow them to lose their property so easily while they are sojourning "in our midst?"

MONTANA'S GREAT HONORS.

Montana Elks carried away from Salt Lake about all the prizes worth having. In the band contest Denver was awarded the first prize after the famous Boston & Montana band had won on points at the first contest Wednesday afternoon. The "B. & M." musicians did not appear at the contest in which the alleged tie was decided, and the prize went to the Denver band. The weight of opinion seems to be that the Boston & Montana is the better band and fit to play for a king's coronation, or what is still better, for the inauguration of a president of the United States. Denver is welcome to the prize. It would have been a shame for Montana to take everything. In the contest for the handsomest banner and for the best dressed and finest marching delegation Montana had an easy conquest. These honors, so easily won, will be worn with becoming grace and modesty. While fully appreciating their great victory Montana Elks will prove themselves generous victors.

END OF AN AIMLESS LIFE.

Charles Fair, who was instantly killed, together with his wife, while driving his automobile at a tremendous speed, between Trouville and Paris yesterday, being his opportunities into account, lacked a good deal of contributing his share to the material interests of society. He was but a poor representative of the sturdy miners of whom his father was at one time so conspicuous a type. The late James G. Fair amassed a great fortune in mining operations in Nevada. With his share of this fortune Charles Fair could have accomplished a great deal of good in the world, but he preferred to waste as much of it as possible in an idle and aimless life. His chief ambition and his only achievement was to own the swiftest automobile in the world, a danger to himself and family and a terror to the country through which it raced in a mad flight. It is little wonder that it has at last cost him his life, as well as that of his wife. Fortunately not many of the sons of rich Americans abuse the fortunes that fall to them and waste their opportunities as did "Charley" Fair.

PRaise FOR MAJOR MAGINNIS.

Major Martin Maginnis is receiving a good deal of praise from the newspapers of the state for his manly defense of the policy of the national administration in the Philippines. The Inter Mountain was the first newspaper of the state to accord to the major the commendation to which he was entitled for the manly and honorable stand taken by him as a leading democrat on this question. In the course of an editorial, the Billings Gazette says:

The experience of Major Maginnis in the halls of congress and his education and training as a lawyer have qualified the major to sit in judgment upon what has been done in the islands by our government in the way of governing them, while his experience as a soldier has also qualified him to criticize the work of the army. With neither branch has he any fault to find. On the contrary, he is free with his praise of both and declares each is entitled to the fullest respect and confidence of the nation and that in our dealings with the Filipinos we have won the respect and admiration of the entire civilized world. * * * He realizes our duty and insists that we perform it. In this insistence he gives only stronger evidence of the liberality and manliness for which the people of Montana have learned to admire and respect him. He does not permit a supposed obligation to party to impel him to falsehood or misrepresentation. He is too broad and honest for any such smallness and values the good name of the country above possible party advantage. In these days of democratic calumny and misrepresentation it is refreshing to find at least one member of that party who is truthful even to the extent of giving what is justly due a political enemy. This is exactly what Major Maginnis does in his interview on the Philippines.

The interview with Major Maginnis printed in the esteemed Standard a few days ago appears to have affected seriously that excellent paper's spirits. Every contention of the Standard as to the events growing out of the Spanish war has been disproved and overturned and smashed to a pulp. The major has been to the Philippines and knows the situation there. He knows the facts to be diametrically opposed to all statements made by the democratic and mugwump organs about American affairs in the Orient—statements made for political effect and based largely on a total misapprehension of things that are.

PEOPLE WE MEET.

"NEVER have I enjoyed a vacation more than this summer," said ex-Gov. J. E. Rickards, who has just returned from a two weeks' outing on Flathead lake. "Our party camped in a beautiful spot on the lake shore, at the mouth of a small stream of pure water, which was almost literally full of rather under-sized but gamey speckled trout, the best and most toothsome fish found in the waters of North America. "We had no trouble catching all the fish we needed for our commissary, and from a nearby ranch we secured cream, milk, vegetables and other supplies. "Flathead Indian reservation is a veri-



J. E. RICKARDS.

table garden spot any year, but this season it is simply beyond comparison with any other parts of the state with which I am familiar, and the Indian farmers are raising bountiful crops without irrigation and almost without effort on their part. Hay is being cut on the bench lands and while the snowfall there is never great the stock owners on the reservation are already insured against loss the coming winter." Asked about the mosquitoes which are said to be quite large and full of vigor on the shores of Montana's largest lake, the former governor said: "It is not a bad year for those pests this year, and while we were bothered some we managed to keep our camp clear of them most of the time. We were mountaineers enough not to select our camp in a swampy place and the breeze from the lake usually carried them away."

It seems uncharitable to say of a man who is the victim of an unavoidable accident, that it was his own fault, for sudden death in any form is terrible enough. The accident to Mr. and Mrs. Fair in France yesterday, who were killed in an automobile smashup, was without excuse. There is no need for any man to travel at the rate of 62 miles an hour for pleasure, particularly when accompanied by a helpless woman who has placed her life in his hands. The automobile at best is a new and dangerous machine. It is more dangerous than an untamed broncho and is not much safer than an airship. The automobile's death record is appalling. It should be brought under the law and high speed should be prohibited under severe penalties.

The Helena paper which insists that the governor has been attacked should remember that most of the attacking has been done by the democratic party. In the matter of the state house furniture contract it was the democratic organs, and the democratic labor organizations, which criticized his action. The same is true about his acceptance of the nomination for governor. The republican press has treated his excellency with great courtesy.

The dispatches relating to the intended abdication of the Czar of Russia mention, among other probable reasons for such action, the fact that the empress has presented him with four daughters in succession and that the prospects for a fifth are gloomy in the extreme. In this country a baby girl is regarded as one of the most precious gifts of the gods. See birth notices in this issue.

Those men of the west who believe that nothing can be raised near Butte but smelter smoke may be interested in learning that Mr. W. S. Cobban who has a ranch within three miles of Butte is in the city today looking for men to pick English red currants by contract. They grow in this altitude in profusion and are ripe and luscious.

STATE POLITICS.

What Montana Newspapers Find to Say of the Situation.

No intelligent man in Montana believes that any third or fourth party has a ghost of a chance to win in this state. The contest is between the democratic and republican parties.—Great Falls Tribune.

The state board of equalization reconsidered the matter, heard further arguments of railroad attorneys and then came down off the perch to the tune of nearly \$10,000,000 in its valuation of the several railroad lines in this state for purposes of taxation. Their radical action seems to have scared the members themselves.—Helena Herald.

The suggestion of fusion does not meet with much support among the labor union men of Flathead county, and the socialists are dead set against it. So far as the sentiment of the leaders may govern, there will be a labor ticket in the field in this county for senator and members of the house, even if there is not a full county ticket, which many of the socialist laborites propose. There is no purpose on the part of the representative men of the unions to deliver themselves to the enemy, under whatever flag he journeys in this campaign, and some of the self created mouthpieces of the laborites are going to be sat down upon good and hard when the proper time comes, judging from the sentiment of the general meeting of trades last week, at which radical resolutions were drawn up and indorsed.—Kalispell Bee.

CONQUERING HEROES

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A Bunch of Good Fellows. Among the royal good fellows who have spent Elks' week in Salt Lake none will leave a better impression than the delegation from Montana. They took the \$1,000 prize for best appearance in line, not because they needed the money, but because they are built that way and naturally can't help it. Just to show that money is a burden to them, they set out to burn the bunch of green goods awarded to them. The conflagration took place at their headquarters in the I. O. O. F. hall, and everybody and anybody was asked to witness the bonfire, but leave extinguishers and hand grenades at home. The Boston & Montana band, which came with the delegation, is now well known in all parts of the West. They were introduced to the members as miners working in the mines of Butte every day.

An Impromptu Parade. The Montana delegation enjoyed a royal good time yesterday afternoon. Dr. W. H. Haviland and H. A. Galloway, the conductors of the delegations, made up between them the following program for yesterday. At 1:30 began an impromptu parade, starting at the Knutsford. The ladies of the party rode in and on the big Raymond coach. Order of march: Any place you drop in and every one welcome (freaks especially desired). Line of march: Wherever there is a place they can get through without tearing off more than two-thirds of their tuxedos. Destination: The I. O. O. F. hall. The incineration of the cash began immediately on the arrival at the hall and continued until all the fuel was converted into smoke, ashes and a hot time.

One of the Montana boys wanted a pin yesterday morning to pin up the goat. The whiskered Billy was losing his decorations, and at the corner of Main and Fourth South there was a chance to fix up the animal. There were several scores of women spectators in the crowd, but not one of them could find a stray pin, although they were all on the search. The idea of so many ladies being without this necessary adjunct to a woman's toilet caused considerable merriment. A pin was finally unearthed by an urchin and the goat was fixed up.

The Awful Hit They Made. But of all the triumphs achieved by the bunch from the Treasure state, the uproarious reception they received all along the line of march in the big parade is the triumph of which they are proudest.

"To the spectators who stood for an hour watching the passing show," says the Salt Lake Tribune, in a description of the pageant, "there was a spontaneous cry of delight along the whole length of the street when the Boston & Montana band swung into view, escorting the Montana delegation of marchers. A full hundred in number, in columns of four, with canes stretched in horizontal lines across their shoulders, the men of the mines and the cattle ranches made a brave showing. Their costumes, white tuxedo coats with purple facings and cuffs, white trousers, white straw hats and purple ties, were extremely effective, and the decision of the judges, who gave the delegation the first prize, met with the approval of the multitude. Those behind the Montana crowd came 35 from Pocatello, in blue coats and white trousers, with white yachting caps. "The Butte Beauts were absolutely dazzling," concludes the Tribune. The hand and all of them fairly made a man blink. There were 170 tuxedo coats, straw hats, and glad rags in one glittering, prismatic line. Senator Clark's band created a furor. It was joyful."

Dr. W. H. Haviland of Butte was one of the Montana vanguard that arrived early to prepare the way for the very successful expedition from the North. He was the first member of the grand lodge from his state, is a past exalted ruler, and is credited with a large share of the splendid organization which has achieved such satisfactory results for his delegation.

HILL HADN'T TIME FOR VISIT TO BUTTE CITY

President of Northern Pacific Did Not Think Town of "Holes in the Ground" Worth Notice.

"Yim Hill, he jumped de state, just like Mellen." That was the way a big blonde section boss described the exit of the president of the Great Northern this afternoon as he talked of the visit of his chief in one of the railroad offices.

"That was all there was to it. After making his agricultural speech to the people of the city of "Wind, Water and Destiny," advising them to eschew mining and remember that some day all mines would be holes in the ground, Mr. Hill came over on his special more than half way to Butte. Then he left the special and with his party traveled overland to inspect a group of budding "holes in the ground" from which the railroad magnate expects to take the price of several carloads of steel some day.

Returning he went East over the Great Northern without even passing through Butte or giving the waiting delegation an opportunity to tell him how nice the union depot was and how glad Butte was to get it.

ALLEGED INCENDIARY IS GOING TO HAVE REVENGE

James Burns Is Arrested on Suspicion of Having Started Small Blaze, but Is Later Let Out of Jail.

James Burns was arrested between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning on suspicion of knowing something about a fire which broke out in the basement of Mike Torrey's old saloon at No. 360 East Broadway, a few minutes before the arrest was made, but was released today.

It is alleged that Burns and another man were seen in the room about 15 minutes before the blaze was discovered. The fire department extinguished the fire, and as Burns was still in the neighborhood he was taken into custody. "I'll make someone jump a hurdle for this piece of work," said he today, "but I don't know yet just who will do the jumping. I got 50 cents from a fellow in the saloon and bought a half-pint of whisky with it, and that is all I know about fire. Before I got the money I swept out the saloon."

Mere Opinion.

A boy will gladly work hard for an hour over a puzzle picture and whine when he is asked to solve an arithmetical problem that would take him five minutes.

Leather Goods Sale Saturday the Last Day All Leather Goods At 75c on the \$1.00 Purses, Chatelains and Wrist Bags, all sizes and styles, 20 kinds of leather represented. \$20 In gold given to every person requiring medicine at night after our store is closed, providing the night bell is not answered within five minutes. Russian Rubber Sponges 50c Cutlery Sale Next Week Newbro Drug Co. 109 North Main St., Butte. Largest Drug House in the state. Jas. E. Keyes, Pres. and Gen. Mgr.

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