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THE MINE INSPECTOR BILL.

In another column is printed an abstract of the law creating the office of mine inspector. It is published in order that people may be able to judge for themselves as to whether or not it will accomplish the purpose for which it was ostensibly framed.

The seventh section of the bill, relating to complaints regarding the safety of mines, is peculiar in that it obliges the inspector to order alterations to be made without having first satisfied himself, by personal inspection, that such alterations are required for the safety of the workmen employed therein.

A WHITE HOUSE TEA PARTY.

Since the gentle administration of Hayes, when wine was tabooed at the white house and sarsaparilla, soda water and lemonade were only served in case of necessity, there has been a disposition to at least "look upon the wine when it is red;" but Benjamin, while hospitably inclined, especially where Indians are concerned, is evidently determined to make tea the white house specialty.

vants. Presidents, it is a well known fact, have a good deal of spare time between 4 p. m. and 6 p. m., which they might just as well devote to domestic duties, and the spectacle of the president of the United States wheeling a baby carriage would give all the funny men on the comic papers a new lease of life, while it would offer the republican organs food for grave editorial thought on the subject of domestic economy.

SCRAMBLING FOR OFFICE.

It is an edifying spectacle, that of the would-be republican leaders of Montana fighting over the disposition of two or three federal offices in this territory the tenure of which will expire in eight months. On the one side are the Harrison-McCutcheon clique, with the prestige of close communion with the white house through the first named member of the combine, and who have been showing the world, with a barbed-wire fence around it, to divers and sundry callow politicians, to whom they have said, in effect, "All this will we give unto you if you will but lend yourselves to us in this scheme or that one, or help this little business enterprise of ours."

The allegation that the son of the president is possessed of an ambition to represent Montana in the United States senate is received with ridicule by the veterans, who hold that by virtue of long and faithful service one of their number should be honored by the selection from the east side, rather than a youngster who has never burned powder in the party's service until his father entered the white house.

THE annual school election is to occur April 6, when one trustee is to be chosen in place of Massena Bullard, whose term expires. It is desirable that voters generally give this election special attention as, in addition to the choice of a trustee, it is to be decided whether or not a new school house shall be erected on the Central grounds. By taking an active interest in the school elections citizens can accomplish something towards improving the educational facilities which Helena possesses.

THE St. Louis Globe-Democrat, commenting upon a sermon by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage upon the prevalence of bribery in elections, truthfully observes that "American voters as a class are not purchasable." But for all that there are in the United States a great many men armed with the ballot who do not regard it as a "sacred trust," and it was to influence such as these that Col. W. W. Dudley organized his scheme to control so-called floaters in blocks of five.

Bonds Purchased to Date.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The total amount of bonds purchased to date under the circular of April 17, is \$125,219,950, of which \$51,387,900 were 4 per cents, and \$73,832,050 were 4 1/2 per cents. The total cost of these bonds was \$145,945,900, of which \$65,925,899 was paid for 4 per cents, and \$80,020,001 was for four and a half.

REALTY TRANSACTIONS.

The Past Week Dull, But Brighter Prospects Ahead.

A visit among the real estate men yesterday showed an unanimous expression that the past week has been an exceptionally quiet one in sales. This has been due to the weather which has been very disagreeable. Inquires, however, were numerous and the coming week promises renewed activity. The week before last was the liveliest one ever experienced among dealers and the amount of money that changed hands is estimated at half a million dollars.

THE TRADE OUTLOOK.

How Business Has Been and Future Prospects Talked About.

Merchants are wearing a satisfied look as a visit among a few of them revealed. Bach, Cory & Co. report the winter season having been a dull one, but trade at present is picking up. The action of the board of trade recently with the railroads in effecting a reduction of local rates to afford Helena wholesalers to do jobbing with merchants of tributary towns has had some effect, but the 150 limit is not quite enough.

A. M. Holter Hardware company express gratification at the increase of their business. Their alert general manager, Mr. D. P. Patenaude, states the business for the past two months is more than double the amount of the corresponding period of last year. This is probably among the most extensive hardware and heavy mining machinery concerns of Montana; it also carries a large stock of railway supplies.

A long felt want supplied—the first-class restaurant of J. W. Scarff.

City of Helena Sidewalk Grade.

Notice is hereby given that the city engineer of the city of Helena has located the sidewalk grade on both sides of Main street from Bridge street to Sixth avenue. Profile showing said proposed grade will be shown to all parties interested between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday, March 20, 1889, at a meeting of the committee on street grades to be held on said day at the office of the city engineer, room 3 Glen block, Main street.

Marble and Granite for the Multitude.

The new marble shop below the Cab company's stable is none other than an annex of A. K. Prescott's marble works on lower Main street. Lack of room for the large stock which he is about to put in compelled him to provide more room. He is manufacturing everything here in Helena this spring and asks those in need of work in this line to give him a call. He has secured the services of F. X. Gosselin, who for the past two years has been foreman in one of the largest manufacturing yards in the United States, and with such workmen can safely guarantee satisfaction.

Postponed.

Owing to the fact that Mrs. Heathwood has been called away from the city, the lecture on Christian science mental healing mentioned in last Sunday's issue to take place in Encore hall this afternoon will be postponed until further notice.

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

New York Life Insurance Co.

OFFICE 346 & 348 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

JANUARY 1, 1889.

AMOUNT OF NET ASSETS, JANUARY 1, 1888. Revenue Account. \$79,912,317.17

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A. Huntington, M. D., Medical Director.

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General Agent for Montana, Offices Granite Block, Helena.

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RUFUS W. WEEKS, Actuary.

A UNITED COUNTRY.

Admiral Porter's Patriotic Letter to a Citizens' Committee of New York.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The citizens' committee to aid the Confederate Soldiers' Home at Austin, Texas, to-day received a letter from Admiral Porter in which he says: "Confederate veterans are, as of yore, our fellow countrymen, and in regard to a hostile feeling between the northern and southern soldiers the latter have long since forgotten it."

Encore Club.

Another rare treat is in store for the music-loving people of Helena. The famous Boston Quintette club is to give two of its concerts under the auspices of the Encore Club, on the 3d and 4th of April, at the opera house.

Celestino Palacio & Co.'s Key West cigars at the Bijou.

About the Weather.

The snow storm during the past week, strange to note, did not appear in Butte, although it did at Anaconda, Boulder and in a northeasterly line from Helena. Our local weather man, Mr. Butler, says it was only a local squall and is still hovering in the vicinity and will appear again during the week.

Notice.

On and after March 20, the stages of this company will leave Cascade daily except Sunday for all points north. Take the stage at Cascade for Fort Shaw, Sun River, Choteau, and all towns north.

Victims of the Drug.

The cocaine fiends, Carrie and John Nesbit, were arraigned in the probate court yesterday on the charge of larceny and were tried separately before a jury.

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