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THE COPPER POOL. Opinions of Two Well Known Montana Men on the Reported Collapse of the Syndicate. Messrs. Palmer and Couch Doubt the Story, Advancing Several Reasons for Their Belief.

French Financiers Come to the Relief of the Comptoir des Compte-The Feeling in London and New York.

BUTTE, March 18.--[Special to the Independent.]--The copper situation has been watched in this city with the most intense interest, as the life of the camp depends largely upon the price of the red metal.

Both Will Die. A Supposed Insane Farmer Kills an Officer and Is Himself Fatally Wounded.

Our Mary Is Not Insane. BALTIMORE, March 18.--The trial of Capt. Beauchamp, of the oyster boat Beauchamp, for the murder of a woman, commenced today in the United States district court.

Removing the Boomers. ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 18.--A special from Oklahoma says a company of troops arrived to-day from Fort Reno.

The Water was Poisoned. EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 18.--The family of John McCall, living near Ravenshead, were accidentally poisoned in a singular manner on Friday.

A Rock on the Track. BUTTE, March 18.--[Special to the Independent.]--Yesterday a piece of rock, weighing at least ten tons, fell from the top of Woodville tunnel on the Montana Central track.

Working for a Ship Canal. LANSING, Mich., March 18.--W. H. Merrill, of New York, is here endeavoring to induce the legislature to grant a charter for a ship canal across the upper peninsula.

FACTIONAL FIGHTS. The Montana Governorship Hung Up. While the Hershfield-McCutcheon War Continues. Carter's Man Said to Have the Best Prospect, But Russell's Choice is Still in the Ring.

James R. Walker Making the Fight for the Postoffice on His Uncle's Favor--Some Nominations Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, March 17.--[Special to the Independent.]--Hershfield returned to Washington yesterday from New York. He is confident that James Blaine Walker will be postmaster at Helena.

Some More Nominations. WASHINGTON, March 18.--The president to-day nominated William H. Whitney, of New Mexico, to be associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

Secretary Windom has appointed T. B. Byrnes, of St. Paul, to be chief of the agricultural division of the treasury.

WASHINGTON, March 18.--The senate opened with the vice president in the chair. The resolution heretofore offered by Gibson for the appointment of a select committee on relations with Mexico and Central America was taken up.

WASHINGTON, March 18.--The secretary of state has received Mr. Kennedy's report on the recent riot at Chin Kiang, China.

WASHINGTON, March 18.--The secretary of the treasury has issued a circular to customs officers, calling attention to the provisions of the act for the protection of the salmon fisheries of Alaska.

WASHINGTON, March 18.--Peter Nearschky, who was liberated Saturday, after being imprisoned for fifty-four days at the Black Diamond colliery, died to-day from nervous exhaustion.

WORKERS REWARDED. Biographies of Some of Yesterday's Nominees for Response to the Associated Press Dispatches.

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