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The INDEPENDENT has a larger daily circulation than any newspaper between St. Paul and Portland and a larger circulation than any other two daily papers published in Montana.

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The "boom" which Tacoma, Washington territory, is now enjoying is accounted for by the fact that twenty-two real estate dealers who formerly did business in Los Angeles, Cal., are located there.

CHARGES have been preferred against Lewis Wolfley, nominated by the president, last week, to be governor of Arizona.

In view of the conflict between the Montana republicans over the governorship of the Benton River Press suggests that "if President Harrison is wise he will relegate the duty of nominating a governor to the people of Montana, who, in their sovereign capacity, will select a governor next October."

A RUFFIAN struck a woman with his fist on Main street, last night, and seriously injured her. She was walking peacefully along, and gave no cause of offense, unless it may be that the garb she wore—that of a member of the Salvation Army—excited his hatred.

THE mention of Whitelaw Reid for the post of minister to England has aroused considerable ire in the republican ranks, which finds expression in the press.

As to chattel mortgages and such matters, it has not yet come to pass that the publishers of the INDEPENDENT have found occasion to resort to the east for subscriptions to its capital stock, nor is any of the paper of the corporation held in the east.

THE Benton River Press comes to the defense of R. B. Harrison against the charge that he is presumptuous in aspiring to represent Montana in the United States senate and that he is using his influence with the president, his father, to no distribute the federal appointments in this territory as to further his ambition.

THERE is no false pride about the Helena Court Journal and Office-Brokers' Gazette. It complacently admits that it isn't a newspaper, but it "uses to be," by some process of evolution, not yet explained.

THE contest for the governorship of Montana has not yet been decided, as Col. McCutcheon will not reach Washington until to-day. Dispatches from

the national capital represent Mr. Hershfield as confident that he will receive the appointment, by virtue of his services as chairman of the territorial committee and in deference to the strong political and financial backing he is said to have.

THE COPPER TRUST FAILS. The collapse of the French copper syndicate, while it may be a serious thing for France, where it appears to have precipitated a financial panic, is not likely to bring disaster to Montana or any of its industries.

Coming as it does so soon after the failure of the DeLesseps Panama canal company, which greatly disorganized finances in France, the disruption of the copper syndicate will be likely to produce grave complications in that country.

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THE MARKETS. STOCKS. New York, March 18.—Bar silver, 95 1/2. Copper—Generally demoralized through reports from Paris; late, March, \$13 1/2.

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