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IS IT A FORGERY?

We publish in another column an alleged despatch purporting to have been sent to the New York Tribune by A. J. Seligman, chairman of the republican state committee, giving an account of the political situation in Montana.

Compare that address with the Tribune despatch. The style and manner are identical. There is the same perversion of facts, the same colossal impudence, the same cold audacity in both.

Surely, Mr. Seligman, who is always a truthful young man, would not telegraph to the great republican organ in New York, that "Judge Blake will be one of the judges to try the case; Gov. Carpenter is retained in the case by the state committee and T. H. Carter is cordially co-operating with us."

Mr. Seligman, who is always a truthful young man, would not make, over his own signature, such a palpably false charge as that "The democrats took republican railroad men away and filled their places with democrats who voted in their stead, and bought republican judges of election."

And Mr. Seligman, who is always a truthful young man, would never say, without an iota of truth to back him, that "At Anaconda some of the vilest frauds were perpetrated."

They had clerks of the courts scouring the hills with the seal of the court with them, hunting up ignorant half-breeds and naturalizing them." Seligman would never say that if for no other reason than because it was one of his republican friends, not a democrat, who did that very act in Jefferson county.

And you can bet your bottom dollar that young Mr. Seligman, who has been associated all these weeks with an ex-convict and murderer, would never charge the democrats with keeping on their committee "A man who was arrested for embezzling United States funds." Oh! no! Seligman wouldn't be so fresh as that.

But just read what purports to be Mr. Seligman's "exact status of the case" in the concluding paragraph of the dispatch. Does any one believe that such a truthful young man would work off such fraudulent rubbish on a great family journal like the New York Tribune? Perish the thought.

We impatiently await Mr. Seligman's denial. We feel sure it is coming. Somebody has stolen a rubber hand-stamp fac-simile of Seligman's signature and deceived the Tribune. Can it be that fellow Ber—but sh-h-h, here comes Hershfield!

BY A DRY GOODS CLERKNESS. The earth is trimmed with frosty valencienne; The trees are robed with red and yellow plush; Brown ribbon grass rustles in twilight flush; The lake's a watered silk of blues and greens; The brook throats rocks whose emerald velvet-reins.

The old fogey republican senators are likely to have trouble in keeping their brilliant young associate, Wolcott, of Colorado, in line this winter. Wolcott has sized up the whole tariff scheme of his party and, discovering that the people of his state have been duped on the lead question, he blurs out, "The whole doctrine of protection rests largely on a basis of enlightened and patriotic selfishness, and the mining states will begin to question the policy of protecting eastern industries when its own are ignored."

Striking out the words "enlightened and patriotic," Mr. Wolcott hits the truth exactly. He will be convinced of this more and more as the session of congress wears on and he sees the agents of over-fed manufacturing monopolies besieging the doors of congress and like the horse-leech's daughters ever crying "Give, give." He will see the woolen manufacturers of New England clamor

ing for free wool, or a higher duty on manufactured goods; the Ohio sheep men demanding a higher tariff on wool, or a less one on woolen cloths; New England demanding free coal and Pennsylvania a higher duty on coal; western farmers calling for cheap wire fencing and wireframe makers for more duty, and so on through all the list—and finally Mr. Wolcott will rightfully conclude that our present tariff system is so unfairly adjusted that it is a fraud and swindle and he will come to Montana and join the democratic party which declares that "all industries should have exact equality under the law"—the only square platform for square men to stand upon.

The republican programme was fully developed at yesterday's hearing of the election mandamus case in Butte. It is to fight for delay until the last possible moment, in the hope that a plot may be perfected by which the vote on the constitution shall be certified to the president before the contest is determined. Then the president is to be asked to issue his proclamation admitting the state and the election of members of the legislature is to be passed upon by the three republican judges just elected.

The quibbles and technical points raised yesterday to obstruct the proceedings and kill time, show that the canvassing board has no solid ground to stand upon in court and is seeking to avoid counting the vote as long as possible.

Mr. Russell B. Harrison's organ has openly admitted that the republican fight is now against time. It remains to be seen how far the dilatory tactics can be carried.

We believe the conspirators will be defeated. WASHINGTON and the Dakotas are impatiently waiting for Montana to join them in marching in under the flag. Luckily for them they had no soreheaded, perennial candidates for the senate to block their admission.

HASN'T T. C. Power let go yet? Or did he merely act as chaperon for young Mr. Seligman on that trip to Butte? OUR dispatches from Washington and St. Paul throw some light on the prospects of statehood.

CROSS-CUTS. Dyspepsia and a broken heart exhibit a wonderful similarity in their surface indications.—Milwaukee Journal. Oddly enough, if there is any place in the world where a young lady won't do the fair thing it is at the fair.—Sonerville Journal.

Washington Capital: "Do you see me?" said the colored man, boastfully, as he passed by the mule. "Yes," replied the mule, "and raise you." People who like to see the smaller combatant win the battle always take pleasure in a mill between a bullock and a hornet.—Binghamton Republican.

"And I want to say, 'To my husband,' in an appropriate place," said the widow in conclusion, to Slab, the gravestone man. Yessum, said Slab, "To my husband in an appropriate place." Tennyson's latest poem says: "Summer is coming, summer is coming, I know it, I know it, I know it." But Minnesota is the peer of England to this effect, says the Pioneer Press: "But winter is nearer and coal is dearer. O blow it, O blow it, O blow it."

A Vienna millionaire has just died leaving a request for his only heir to keep the family vault lighted with several Jablochoff electric lamps for one year. But the authorities having refused the necessary permission the heir has ordered a candle and a box of parlor matches to be placed near the man in his coffin in case he should wake up from his long sleep.

The Great Western railroad of England has adopted the latest penny-in-the-slot apparatus. It is in the form of electric reading lamps in the railway carriages of this company. It consists of a clockwork apparatus contained in a box five inches by five inches and three inches. By dropping a penny in the slot and pressing a knob the mechanism is set in motion and an electric light obtained, which, after burning for exactly half an hour, is automatically extinguished. The lamps are lighted from an accumulator which, placed in one of the compartments, will supply all the lamps in the carriage. The strange and novel part of the whole thing is that should the lamp refuse to act the coin deposited by the confiding tourist is automatically returned to him.

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Are mosses, and a pelonaise doth gush An opera flannel air that charms the lunk, While dances autumn, first of Kentucky Jeans. The crickets on the flowerbed tick loud— Excuse me if no joke is more antique. Now Nature's in bright calico allish; I see the apple tree with yarn balls bowed, While the split saphy roams from peak to peak; The blue jay's squawk sounds very much like "Cash!" —Puck.

An Idaho View of It. Mullan, Idaho, Tribune: The victorious democrats of Montana can thank the Helena INDEPENDENT more than any other factor in the recent election in that grand new state. Had the republican party an organ equally as powerful the majorities might have been reversed.

The jury in the case of Gallagher, charged with being implicated in the murder of Police Inspector Martin at Gweedore, Ireland, failed to agree and were discharged.

DID SELIGMAN WRITE THIS?

A Statement Over the Signature of the Chairman of the Republican Committee. To the editor of the N. Y. Tribune: As there have been so many falsehoods concerning the recent election in Montana circulated throughout the east, emanating from democratic sources and colored by democratic prejudices, I feel it no more than just to send a truthful account of it.

I wish to characterize as deliberate falsehoods the report sent that Judge Blake, of our supreme bench; Governor Carpenter, Thomas H. Carter, congressman-elect, and other prominent republicans have denounced the throwing out of the precinct in Silver Bow county as an outrage against law, a political crime, etc. The democrats would like them to have said these things; but, in point of fact, none of them ever dreamed of such a thing. Judge Blake will be one of the judges to try the case. Governor Carpenter is the lawyer retained in the case by the state committee, and T. H. Carter is cordially co-operating with us; and so are the rest of the gentlemen mentioned. The democratic papers claim there has been no charge of fraud in all the history of Montana, tainted as it is with democratic thefts of office. There has never been a campaign in which fraud of the vilest sort was so rampant as in the election of October 1. The democrats used every form of intimidation known to coerce their employes into voting their ticket. They purchased voters by wholesale. They ran republican employes into other counties to prevent them from voting. They took republican railroad men away and filled their places with democrats who voted in their stead. They bought judges of election. In Lewis and Clarke counties they ran 600 or more republicans out of the county to prevent them from voting, and repeated this act in every county where they had control. At Anaconda, where some of the vilest frauds were perpetrated, they sent nearly 300 republican employes out of that precinct and prevented them from voting. They sent hundreds of Italians who had been illegally naturalized and hundreds of other illiterate foreigners to the polls at Anaconda with small grants of slips of paper in their hands, which they delivered to the judges and which read: "I can neither speak, read nor write the English language, and wish to vote the straight democratic ticket," and hundreds of votes were so polled by these ignorant men, who assumed without knowing a word of the language to dictate the policy of this new state, and by whose able help the democratic managers attempted to steal it. They had clerks of the courts scouring the hills with the seal of the court with them, hunting up ignorant half-breeds and naturalizing them. They sent strikers to vote in the name of registered republicans early in the day. They retained as their chief worker at Anaconda a man who was arrested several weeks ago for embezzling United States funds while acting as an officer of the territory. They committed every fraud, every outrage against a pure ballot that man is capable of, and then sent dispatches to eastern papers that "no charges of fraud have been made," and accused the republicans of trying to steal the state, and by their false messages east try to influence public sentiment against the republican party.

Here is the exact status of the Silver Bow case: At precinct No. 34, known as the tunnel precinct, there were 174 voters cast. The returns as made showed 171 democratic and three republican. When the returns came from the Silver Bow canvassing board they showed such irregularities that the canvassing board, instead of being not true returns, upon investigation by the board, lasting over three days, in which the fullest publicity was given to all their proceedings and eminent counsel appeared for both sides, it was discovered, that the returns were not true. Instead of the five required by law; second, the returns were not in the handwriting of the clerks. It was found (an affidavit of one of the judges of election being presented to the board of canvassers) that at the completion of the voting the judges, notwithstanding the mandatory law that the counting shall be public, ejected all outsiders from the room, ejected the two clerks, closed and locked the doors, got heavy paper and pasted it over the windows and then proceeded to count the vote at their own sweet pleasure and in their own manner. One of the judges wrote out all of the returns himself, and when they had arranged the matter to suit themselves, the canvassing board, backed by the best legal talent in the county, decided that as the law had been grossly violated, and as the people who were designated to make the returns had not done so, they were not legal returns, and could not be considered as such. This is the whole case. It is a question to be decided by the courts, and the republican party will abide by the decision. On its face the above precinct shows most bare-faced frauds, and the policy pursued by the democrats since, stamp them as such. They have scattered the men who voted there to every part of the territory, but seven of the original voters being there now, although the same number of men are being used. A good many have been sent out of the territory. Does this look like innocence? At Anaconda they have been sending their illegal voters off by squads of twenty-five and fifty. Does this look like fraud? They have put the line of party wherever they vote has been questioned and show the most frantic desire to remove the proofs of their guilt beyond the reach of the law. They know that a large number of their legislative seats will be contested for from Deer Lodge, Jefferson and Silver Bow particularly. There has not been brought up as yet a question of contesting one of the republican seats.

A. J. SELIGMAN, Chairman Republican Committee, Helena, Mont., Oct. 23, 1889.

MINES AND MINING.

The O. R. & N. Volunteer and Spotted Horse Mines. Reports from the O. R. & N. during the past week have been of the most encouraging character, and the owners are firm in the belief that they will in a short time have a mine equally as valuable as its near neighbor, the Iron Mountain. The O. R. & N. company has six claims, but at present operations are confined to O. R. & N. lode, which is reported to be looking better at every blast. The stock is steadily climbing, having advanced five cents yesterday.

Considerable Volunteer stock is held in Helena. This property is in Butte and the stockholders have just contributed to the second assessment. The mine is down to a depth of 400 feet and about 1,300 feet of drifts and levels have been run in all directions. At the 200 foot level drifts have been run north and south in the hope of cutting the vein, but none has yet been reached. The Volunteer is about a mile west of the Anaconda mine and situated in Missoula gulch, which is about 1,200 feet below the surface of Anaconda hill. The best mining men are positive that the great silver-copper vein passes

through the gulch. Michael Carroll, superintendent of the Anaconda mines, being very confident of this. He advocates sinking, however, and arrangements are now being made to go down to the 600. If the lead is not found at that depth the company will probably lose all hope. A great deal of money has been put into that mine by the business men of Butte and the management has been in good hands. The men interested are persistent, however, and it is to be hoped their perseverance will be crowned with the success it deserves.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. The British ship Bolan, from Calcutta for Liverpool was founded at sea. Thirty-three lives were lost. Lord Wolsley has accepted an invitation to be present at the unveiling of the statue of Gen. Lee at Richmond, Va. A letter has been received at Washington from Chairman Cooley, of the interstate commerce commission, from Ann Arbor, Mich., saying he is steadily recovering and expects soon to return to duty. The prospects of Johnstown, Pa., being again underwater are good. Rain has been falling almost continually the past thirty-six hours and a great many of the streets are already almost impassible by pedestrians. The opening performance of Gilmore's concert last night at Denver in the Metropolitan theatre proved the most successful affair of the kind ever held in that city. The enormous building was packed to the utmost, even standing room being at a premium. The hearing of the charges against W. R. Louis, United States consul to Morocco, by Secretary Blaine, was concluded yesterday. M. Beneval, the Fez merchant, and Raouf Azouque, formerly Louis' interpreter, were examined at length. The finding of the department will be announced in a short time.

Des Moines Left Out. ELDOA, IOWA, Oct. 28.—It was nearly 2 o'clock this morning when the international excursion started from Council Bluffs for St. Louis. Des Moines was reached at 6 o'clock. According to the itinerary the party was to stop there for a couple of hours, but a change has been made which is explained by the manager of the excursion as follows: We have been obliged to omit Des Moines. The people of St. Louis offered to divide their time with their sister city, Kansas City, and we could not afford to be less generous to St. Louis. We will arrive in that city on Wednesday morning and spend all day, leaving for Springfield Wednesday night. Senor Beltranza, the Abraham Lincoln of South America, will deliver an appropriate address over Lincoln's tomb.

The Husband Furnished Bail. BUTTE, Oct. 28.—[Special.]—Oscar Stenberg this evening furnished \$5,000 bail to release his wife from jail. She is accused of blowing him up with giant powder. His son August and Larry Schmitzer, his wife's paramour, remain in durance.

THE MARKETS. STOCKS. NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Bar silver 94. Copper—Neglected; lake, nominal. Lead—Dull; domestic, \$2.82 1/2. The stock market to-day was quiet to dull and feverish, and generally weak throughout most of the day, and except for a few stocks, which received support, the entire list is lower to night than on Saturday. Sugar is down 2 1/2. Denver, Texas & Fort Worth 1 1/2. Lackawanna 1 1/2. Burlington, Transcontinental and St. Paul 1 per cent. each. Governments dull and steady.

Petroleum was active again to-day, and on a continuation of the advance reached the highest figure of the year. Opening, 100 1/2; highest, 105 1/2; lowest, 105 1/2; closing, 105 1/2. Northern Pacific, 32; preferred, 73; Oregon Improvement, 51; Oregon Navigation, 100; Transcontinental, 33 1/2; Union Pacific, 54. Money on call, tighter, 5 1/2. Closed offered at 6. Prime mercantile paper, 5 1/2. Sterling exchange, quiet, steady; sixty-day bills, \$4.81 1/2; demand, \$4.85 1/2.

CHICAGO PRODUCE. CHICAGO, Oct. 28, 1:15 p. m.—Close—Wheat—Irregular; Oct. 28; Dec., 80; May, 82 1/2. Corn—Oct. 31 1/2; Nov., 31 1/2; May, 33 1/2. Oats—Steady; Oct. 19 1/2; Dec., 18 1/2; May, 21 1/2. Pork—Steady; Oct. 31 1/2; Jan., 31 1/2. Lard—Steady; Oct. 36 1/2; Jan., 35 1/2.

CHICAGO CATTLE. CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—Cattle—Receipts, 18,000; stronger for good, others lower; beefs, \$4.00; 500; steers, \$3.00; 400; stockers and feeders, \$2.25; 250; Texas cattle, \$3.50; 250; western range, \$1.75; 450. Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; strong; 5c. higher; mixed, \$3.00; 4.20; heavy, \$3.50; 4.20; light, \$3.00; 4.20. Sheep—Receipts, 9,000; steady; natives, \$2.00; 500; westerns, \$2.50; 415; Texas, \$3.00; 415.

Drovers' Journal London cablegram quotes liberal supplies of cattle. Medium to best American steers, 10 1/2 to 12c. per lb., estimated dead weight.

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