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HOW THE PLOT WAS WORKED.

The history of the state canvassing board shows that its members had even less regard for law and propriety than appears in the action of the members of the Silver Bow county board. We assert, and we do not fear honest contradiction, that the count of Silver Bow county was never made in public. On Friday, the 1st day of November, at the adjournment of the state canvassing board, Judge Blake was asked if the board had completed the count. Judge Blake replied that all the returns had been counted except the returns from Silver Bow county. After that the board met on Saturday, and without transacting any business at all adjourned until Monday morning at 10 o'clock. On Saturday, Nov. 2, the canvassing board sent Mr. Webster to Butte, as a messenger, to demand that the clerk of that county should send up the returns. This shows conclusively that the count at that time had not been made; for if it had been, why did they send Mr. Webster to Butte for the returns? On Monday morning the state canvassing board met promptly at 10 o'clock; they did not even take their seats; they did nothing except to file a paper; they said nothing except that Judge Blake moved that the board adjourn sine die, which motion was declared carried. When, then, were the Silver Bow county returns publicly counted?

The count of course was not made on Saturday, because the messenger was on his way from Butte; the official count could not have been made on Sunday, because the board had adjourned until Monday; the count, therefore, whenever privately made, could not have been officially declared until Monday. So much is absolutely clear. "The first train that left Helena for the east was the Montana Central on Monday morning, and the fastest time which a messenger could make would bring him to Washington on Friday night. Still the proclamation of the president was given out on Friday morning before 11 o'clock, and that proclamation was based upon the returns. It is clear then that the returns must have been sent to Washington by the board before they had been made up in accordance with the law, either on Sunday or before. Still we have the declaration of Judge Blake that the Silver Bow precincts had not been counted; and we have the official declaration of the board that the returns had not been counted on Saturday, because it was on that day that Mr. Webster was sent to Butte by the board, to obtain a return of the Silver Bow precincts. The report of the board is rather interesting in this regard; and taken together with the fact that the returns must have been sent to Washington before Monday, it leaves the board in a peculiar position.

This report, after stating that the board had sent Mr. Webster to Butte to demand a certified copy of the abstract of the votes, and that he had made his sworn return that such abstract had been refused, declares, "Being, therefore, without any proper copy of the abstract of votes cast in Silver Bow county, and having exhausted the authority given by the statute in endeavoring to obtain the same, it now becomes our duty to ascertain and declare the same from the best sources of information obtainable." At what time after the return of Mr. Webster, and before Monday morning at 10 o'clock, did the board, as a board, receive the official statement of Mr. Webster, or "ascertain and declare" the abstract of the Silver Bow returns? Mr. Webster did not return until after the adjournment of the board on Saturday; therefore, the board could have had no official knowledge that Mr. Webster's demand had been refused, until the meeting of the board on Monday morning at 10 o'clock; but, as we have mentioned, when the board met at that time, it received no report from Webster or any one else, it did nothing but file the report and adjourn. From this, it is again apparent, that Mr. Webster never filed his report before the board when in session, that the board must have counted the so-called Silver Bow votes when the board was not in session and before Monday morning, and that the returns of the board were so made in order that they might be sent to Washington before Monday.

Do the leaders of the republican party of the lately deceased territory of Helena propose to swindle Tom Power out of his just rights for a seat in the United States senate?—Billings Gazette.

They do indeed. For particulars see Bernard.

A five year water contract and no frills, gentlemen of the city council.

and suspicious haste with which the president acted in issuing his proclamation admitting Montana are no less severe than their condemnation of the original crime of the state stealers. The New York Times says:

The president appears not only to have taken action so hurriedly with the design of affecting the election of United States Senators by wresting the pending election dispute from the control of one court and giving it to another whose members had been elected on a partisan ticket, but also to have substituted for the cabinet his son, Prince Russell, as ruling adviser with respect to this transaction. When the members of the cabinet assembled on Friday they were coolly told by the president that he had just issued the proclamation of admission. Possibly he did not tell them that haste was required in order that the decision of the territorial supreme court might be forestalled. At all events, Secretary Noble and Attorney-General Miller, it is said, were displeased and they made a protest. It was pointed out that the territory had not fully complied with the requirements of the enabling act. Mr. Miller is said to have held that the orderly course of procedure in the courts ought not to have been disturbed. He seems to have found a conscience since he wrote that curious letter to the deposed chief justice of Utah. From all accounts the president's action was so outrageous that at least two members of his cabinet—and those not the most scrupulous—could not refrain from denouncing it. But Mr. Harrison has "pleased himself" and his son.

The New York Star thus puts it: General Harrison acted with suspicious haste in declaring Montana a state, but it seems that he had a purpose in taking the action he did. Egged on by Prince Russell he hopes to steal the state for the republicans and seat two senators from his own party in defiance of the law. A more unjustifiable act was never perpetrated by a president of the United States. The only explanation that can be offered for his folly is that he has been dazed by the recent defeats of his party and in his bewilderment he has listened to his shallow-pated son.

The New York World is not less outspoken. It says: President Harrison showed himself to be a willing participant in the plot to steal a state, by the indecent haste with which he issued the proclamation admitting Montana to the union. This action was the trick of an unscrupulous partisan, not the deliberate and dignified proceeding of a president of the United States. It was of a piece with the action of the state canvassing board of Montana in accepting the "elimination" of a democratic precinct, and returning a republican legislature as elected, while the contest over this district was pending in the courts. Since that rascally "sharp practice" was indulged in the court has decided that the rejected votes were legally cast and must be counted. The election judges have counted them as they were cast, thus carrying out the expressed will of the people. A democratic legislature is the logical and legal result. And yet, by rushing into this proclamation, President Harrison sought to fix the status of Montana in accordance with the robbery planned out and executed by the republican national committee.

It is a trick worthy of the president who caused a federal judge in Indiana to reverse his own ruling in order to shield from punishment Mr. Harrison's friend, who organized bribery in that state in "blocks of five." By this act Benjamin Harrison makes himself a pal of Dudley and Quay in the theft of Montana. And the clear vision of the Philadelphia Record thus sees the end of the whole matter. It is sickening to think that for a paltry partisan advantage—to wit, control of the legislature and the naming of the two United States senators—the entire administrative energy of republicanism, from President Harrison down, should calmly set about stealing the vote of a Montana district, not to possess which was to suffer loss and defeat. It does not matter that the filing process may be covered over safely enough with technicalities of law. The people of Montana know well enough what the facts were, and what petty ends of partisan gain could be subserved by this peculiarly brazen piece of political robbery at the very cradle of a new state. The result will probably be that Montana will abjure for good and all a political party that has proved itself willing to overturn the popular will in order to enjoy a few offices for a brief season.

Millard Powers Fillmore, son of the late Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth president of the United States, died last night of apoplexy. The Mexican government has authorized the construction of a railroad from Bagdad, on the Gulf of Mexico, to Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas. A. W. Morris & Bro., plaster and cordage manufacturers, of Montreal, have been compelled to seek the indulgence of their creditors. The liabilities are placed at over a million. Joseph Schwartz, a jeweler of Kansas City who failed two weeks ago under rather suspicious circumstances, was arrested at St. Paul last night. He is a defaulter to the extent of about \$50,000. It is expected the government will send a communication to the chamber Monday declaring the necessity of a practical business policy for the chambers and that the question of a revision of the constitution and the separation of church and state must be abandoned. An examination of the books of Theron J. Blakeslee, of New York, doing business as Blakeslee & Co., picture dealers, shows, it is said, the liabilities are \$200,000 and the nominal assets about the same. Dispatches from Boston say Noyes, Crabb & Co., dealers in printing, etc., has assigned, the result of close business relations between that firm and Blakeslee & Co.

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"Going to vote?" asked the furnace. "I am registered all over the house." And the gas meter replied: "Wait until the old man sees how much I have registered if you want to hear music."—Boston Bulletin. "Let me look at your winter underwear, please," said the stylish young lady, as she stood at the counter of the dry goods store. "Excuse me, madam," answered the obliging clerk, as he shivered unconsciously

CROSS-CUTS.

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GOLD BY THE BUSHEL.

North Carolina Has a Bonanza—News of Montana Mines. RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 15.—The Carolina Watchman, published at Salisbury, has sent a mining expert to Montgomery county to investigate the rumors of an important gold find there. He reports all the statements about fabulous wealth having been discovered there true. The find is said to be the richest ever discovered in the state. Three parallel veins were found, half an inch thick, only a few feet apart. The ore pans out a large per cent. of pure gold. The Watchman's representative ascertained that a bushel of solid gold had already been taken out of the deposit. Great excitement is reported in the neighborhood and people are leaving their work in the search for gold. It is said that one man in two hours got out two thousand pennyweights of pure gold.

Operations of the Park Company. The report that the best assay of ore from the Park mine, in Jefferson county, never exceeded fifty ounces in silver, proves to be incorrect. Some time ago the company shipped a carload of ore to the Helena smelter which returned \$85.25, and recent assays by Helena experts have returned as high as \$119.35 in silver to the ton. The company ceased operations on the property recently, intending to close down for the winter, but have now concluded it would not pay to do so, and arrangements are being made to continue work all winter. There are at present 2,000 tons of concentrating ore on the dump. In the spring the company will erect reduction works. G. W. Jackson, one of the owners, says the mine is developed by 1,500 feet of tunnels and a 350-foot shaft, over \$40,000 having been spent in development. There is an eighteen-foot vein of ore in the face of the tunnel and an assay by Mr. Loveland returned \$302. The company is said to be in good shape to continue development work, several eastern millionaires being interested in it. Major Budd stock is still climbing in St. Louis, the last quotation being 38 1/2. Butte holders and speculators predict it will reach the dollar mark before Christmas.

FARMERS AND KNIGHTS COMBINE. The Day Powderly Has Looked For at Last Arrives. ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 15.—The Knights of Labor committee on land made its report immediately after the convention was called to order and continued until the hour arrived when the committee of the Farmers Alliance was to be received. They appeared headed by President Livingston, who said that he felt sure when the convention met at St. Louis, Dec. 3, a confederation would be formed equally beneficial to both orders. In Powderly's reply he thanked God for the day and said the time when the farmer and the mechanic would stand side by side and work for the same object had always been the dream of his life. The entire meeting was most enthusiastic. Every member of the alliance met with thundering applause.

Corbin Loses His Case. NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—In the supreme court to-day J. H. Ming & Co., of Helena, Mont., recovered a verdict of \$1,784 against Austin Corbin. This was a balance due, with interest, on a purchase by Corbin of five \$1,000 bonds of Lewis and Clarke county, Montana, at 85 per cent. Corbin held the bonds but not been accompanied with convertible warrants as agreed. A counter claim for \$3,000 was put in by Corbin.

Caught in Minnesota. ST. PAUL, Nov. 15.—[Special.]—Albert Weston, formerly a resident of Wabasha, Minn., but more recently of Montana, has been arrested at Wabasha on information from Fort Benton, that he was wanted there on the charge of murder. He is in jail awaiting orders from the Montana authorities.

COURT HOUSE CULLINGS. The sheriff's office is to be enlarged by the addition of the assessor's office. A doorway will be cut through connecting the two rooms. Assessor Walker will occupy the old probate court room. The report of W. F. Parker, ex-clerk of the first judicial district court, has been received. The receipts from April to November amount to \$42,568.13 and the expense list reaches \$33,325. There is a balance of \$9,243.87 on hand. The Northwest Advertising bureau of Butte was incorporated with a capital of \$10,000 in shares of \$1 each, at the office of the secretary of state yesterday. The trustees of the company are B. C. W. Evans, Benjamin F. Orent and Frank G. Cutting. The district court room is being renovated for occupancy by the house of representatives. A new carpet will be laid and the room carefully cleaned. Fifty-two desks with chairs will be used. The room occupied by the G. A. R. will be vacated, that organization moving to the L. O. G. T. rooms in the South Methodist church. This room is being fitted for the use of the senate. A new carpet will cover the floor and several improvements made. Gov. Toole's new quarters are being handsomely decorated under the direction of Henningway & Pieper, of this city. The walls of the room are being covered with ingrain buff paper. Above this will be an ingrain frieze surmounted by a bronze patera cast in terra cotta colors. The moldings are of antique wood. An embossed gilt pattern of paper will cover the ceiling. When these decorations are finished the executive chamber will present a handsome appearance.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES. The Queen of Portugal gave birth to a son yesterday. The French Academy has awarded a prize to Marion Crawford, the author. The boom in the English pig iron market has collapsed. The bull account was overburdened. The Grand Duke Nicholas, suffering from cancer, has undergone a surgical operation for the introduction of a canula into the throat. Millard Powers Fillmore, son of the late Millard Fillmore, the thirteenth president of the United States, died last night of apoplexy. The Mexican government has authorized the construction of a railroad from Bagdad, on the Gulf of Mexico, to Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas. A. W. Morris & Bro., plaster and cordage manufacturers, of Montreal, have been compelled to seek the indulgence of their creditors. The liabilities are placed at over a million. Joseph Schwartz, a jeweler of Kansas City who failed two weeks ago under rather suspicious circumstances, was arrested at St. Paul last night. He is a defaulter to the extent of about \$50,000. It is expected the government will send a communication to the chamber Monday declaring the necessity of a practical business policy for the chambers and that the question of a revision of the constitution and the separation of church and state must be abandoned. An examination of the books of Theron J. Blakeslee, of New York, doing business as Blakeslee & Co., picture dealers, shows, it is said, the liabilities are \$200,000 and the nominal assets about the same. Dispatches from Boston say Noyes, Crabb & Co., dealers in printing, etc., has assigned, the result of close business relations between that firm and Blakeslee & Co.

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