LIVE POLITICAL TOPICS.

The Senate Receives Communications, But Rickards Will Not Tell What They Are.

No Quorum in the House of Representatives and Consequently no Business.

Governor Toole Receives a Pleasant Serenade from the Band of Indian Boys from St. Ignatius.

The action of the rump house in sending two communications to the senate, for they undoubtedly came from that quarter, indicate that the republican senators and rumpers are contemplating a joint session for the purpose of electing two United States senators. They will probably get together early next week. The resolution introduced in the rump house that a committee of three be appointed to confer with a like committee from the senate for the purpose of waiting upon the governor shows that there is a republican attempt to pave the way for near action in the future and give some form of excuse for their contemplated illegal proceedings. Nothing of any particular political significance occurred yesterday. There was little gossip in the hotel or court house corridors, and no conferences were held that were known of. The presence of Jack in town is evidence that a council of some kind was held among the conspirators, but it is not known where they met or what was done. There was no business in the house or senate yesterday, though the rumps went through the form of giving notices for bills, etc.

The senate met yesterday noon with all present, except Senators Brown and McNamara, who are paired. After the chaplain's prayer and roll call, Sergeant-at-arms McQuirk walked up to the speaker's desk with an important air and laid two papers in front of the lieutenant-governor, who announced that two communications had been sent to the senate. As he did not direct the clerk to read them, Senator Parberry asked that they be read to the senate. The lieutenant-governor then said that he would use his discretionary power in holding back the communications from a reading pending the permanent organization of the senate. Senator Hedges moved that an adjournment be taken until 10 o'clock this morning. Senator Redd offered as an amendment that the senate be adjourned until 2 o'clock Saturday. This moved Fisher to rise and expand his vinegar countenance long enough to remark that he could see no use in the amendment, which, he said, was intended to prolong the time for affecting a permanent organization of the senate. He said the senate could be regularly organized in an hour. As Redd's motion was not seconded, an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning.

There was considerable speculation yesterday as to the nature of the communications read to the senate. It was, of course, understood that they were from the rump house. The fact that a committee was appointed by the rump house to act with a committee of the senate to notify the governor of the readiness of the two bodies to transact business indicates that one of the letters may be for the purpose of requesting the senate to name their committee. It is suggested that the other communication may have been for the republican senators, asking for the naming of a time when a caucus between the two bodies might be held.

Let the wanderers return. It pays to be good natured, and we are glad to see that in the political muddle bad temper is the exception. Senator Fisher alone appears to be unconsolable. He does not look healthy. Wonder if he has ever tried a liver pad? We are not in the confidence of those republican members who have innocently (?) gone astray, but to them we venture to say a few kind words: Let the wanderers return; let them cease to prefer the cold and cheerless walls of the "Iron Front" and "Granite Block" to home comforts of the court house. Let them return not in sack cloth and ashes, but in purple and fine linen, if they please. As old Polonius would say in his worldly way:

Costly thy habits as thy purse can buy,—
For the apparel oft proclaims the man.

If not after that fashion come "with no malice in your hearts, no rullies in your shirt," come in your own good way but come. Your presence is the sine qua non for which your colleagues sigh and the heart of the executive yearns. Let no arrests be made but summon the prodigals. No fear of force or lease of locks need bar their coming. At the fated door where lately stood the massive form of Captain Smith which innocently put to flight a multitude of members, will be found the gentle hand of "white robed peace" gracefully gloved to meet them. Come in and shake.

There was no quorum present at the opening of the house of representatives yesterday morning, Messrs. Whaley and Wallace being absent. Mr. Whaley had been out of town, but arrived during the day on a late train. No session of the house was held, however, and an adjournment was taken until 10 o'clock this morning.

A pleasant incident at the court house yesterday morning was a serenade given Governor Toole by the band of Flathead Indian boys from St. Ignatius mission at Rivalla. The band has been in attendance at the silver jubilee of Bishop Brondel. After rendering several pieces of music the boys were received by Governor Toole, who made the following speech:

"I am glad to see you all and shake hands with you. Your performance is far beyond my expectation. I am sure you have surprised every one who was not familiar with your proficiency. It demonstrates that with close application and a determination to succeed nothing is impossible. Under the direction of these wise and holy men whose mission is to do good I predict that you will not only make good missionaries but good citizens."

The governor then shook hands with each of the lads who departed with pleasant memories of the reception given them by Montana's executive. This is the first trip of the boys to Helena and they express themselves as greatly delighted with their excursion.

The latest addition to the art collection of the executive chamber is a beautiful portrait of Spokane, presented to Governor Toole by Colonel Handley. Set in a handsome frame it occupies a prominent place on one of the walls of the governor's private office.

THE RUMP HOUSE.

The Rumps Did Considerable Useless Business Yesterday.

Gov. Toole's message created some comment among the rumps yesterday. The main question on which they differ from the executive is about the governor's proclamation designating the place of meeting of the legislature. They maintain that he over-stepped the bounds of his authority in doing what he did. Upon the subject of amending the registration law also they do not entirely agree with the governor.

The forenoon of yesterday was marked by a rush of business in the rump house in the shape of a lot of bills, notices of bills and proposed joint memorials to congress.

Howey made an attempt to put the machinery of legislation in motion by offering the following resolution, which was adopted, but the committee consisting of Wing, Harlan and Goodman, made no report yesterday:

Resolved, that a committee of three members of this house be appointed to act with a like committee from the senate, to wait upon his excellency, the governor, and inform him that the two houses are now organized and ready for business and ready to receive any communication he may have to make.

Things then began to look promising for the assistant clerks, who have had nothing much to do lately except to sharpen lead pencils and wait. Boardman, of Cascade, who is the best dressed man in the rump house, and always has the appearance of being carefully groomed, sent up a notice of a memorial to congress asking for the restoration of the tariff on hides and other by-products of live stock.

The well dressed member also sent up another notice of a bill to provide for the sale of real and personal property upon which taxes have become delinquent.

Then Boardman, who is good looking as well as well dressed, stretched out a helping hand to locate the world's fair at Chicago. This he proposes to do by introducing a memorial to congress endorsing that city as the site for the fair.

The attaches next received attention by Goodman, who gave notice of a bill fixing the numbers, duties and compensation of the officers and employees of each house of the state legislature. It is not known whether this has any reference to the democratic house or not. As that house has already taken action with reference to their officers Mr. Goodman's contemplated bill probably has in view the officers and employees of the senate. This is something that the senators will undoubtedly appreciate considering that they have no permanent organization. The decision of the district court lately rendered in the Ah Jim case most likely gave birth to the next proceeding, which was a notice given by Cory of a bill in reference to informations in criminal cases.

The same gentleman also introduced a bill to amend the Australian voting law, to group the names of the different candidates on the tickets under their appropriate political designations. Also that the voter be permitted to vote for all the candidates of his party by simply placing a cross over the group of which they are composed. The amendment further proposes to grant the voter the privilege of taking his ticket to the polling place instead of receiving it from the judges of election.

After this rush of business was over a recess was taken until 12:30 p. m. When they met after recess the rumps became gallant and elected Mrs. E. E. Evans, of Dillon, as typewriter and stenographer of the house, and the speaker appointed Mrs. Mary Cunningham an assistant clerk.

The public domain was also looked after. Harlan for this purpose introduced a memorial relating to surveys of agricultural lands and providing for the immediate opening of the same to entry.

Enough was done for one day and the rumps adjourned until 10 this morning.

SULPHITE FIBRE.

A New Industry in Which Montana Should Take the Lead.

A manufacturing corporation of more than ordinary importance has been organized in New York City. It is the Manufacturing Investment company, organized under a New Jersey charter, with a capital of $750,000, for the manufacture of sulphite fibre, under patents that were issued six or seven years ago to Prof. Alexander Mitscherlich, of Goettingen, Germany.

The industry is not altogether new, even to this country, but the process is new. It has been practically demonstrated during the last three or four years by the International Sulphite Fibre and Paper company in mills at Detroit, Albion, and Port Huron, Mich.; at Dexter, in this state, in New Hampshire, and in Canada, says the New York Times.

Sulphite fibre is used by papermakers in combination with wood pulp and other materials. It is made out of wood—pine or spruce producing the best results—by a process which is described as follows: The wood is cut into four-foot lengths and the bark is removed, then the wood is cut into disks 1½ inches thick; these disks are put into a digester. The digester is a horizontal steel cylinder fourteen feet in diameter and forty feet long, having an inside lining, first of sheet lead and then of acid proof brick set in cement. When the wood disks are placed in this digester a solution of bi-sulphite of lime is run into the cylinder, after which steam is injected through a system of lead pipes; this sets the liquid boiling until a pressure of forty-five pounds to the square inch is secured. The boiling process is kept up for a period of seventy hours. The sulphite of lime removes everything from the wood except the cellulose. This cellulose is then removed from the cylinder and washed, after which it is run through what papermakers know as a wet press; it is then sulphite fibre and is used in paper making.

The product is used as a substitute for rags, and as it is much cheaper is destined to supercede rags to a very considerable extent. According to ex-Postmaster-General Don M. Dickinson, who was the leading spirit in the organization of the company, the new fibre has revolutionized the paper trade of Germany and England, and has given those countries a great advantage in the markets of the world. The English have embarked extensively in its manufacture, having mills in Norway as well as in England, and importing from Norway the wood needed for their English mills. He also says that underground piping, doors, ceilings, car wheels, barrels, buckets, trunks, and fancy goods of various forms are made of the fibre. All the recent water piping of the city of Vienna is made of it. It has also entered largely into the manufacture of blankets, clothing, and some forms of tapestry.

In this country the consumption has gradually increased to between 800 and 1,000 tons per day. Some of this, about 100 tons per day, is produced by the mills above named in this country. About 50,000 tons have been imported this year. The price of the article ranges between $65 and $75 per ton.

Early last spring Mr. Dickinson brought the matter to the attention of ex-Secretary of the Navy William C. Whitney, who became deeply interested in it, and, having interested several of his friends, they organized the Manufacturing Investment company, as stated, and bought the American rights in the process. Mr. Whitney is president of the new company, and besides himself and Mr. Dickinson, the following-named gentlemen are among the stockholders and officers: J. Pierpont Morgan, George G. Haven, H. McK. Twombley, Samuel D. Babcock and Daniel S. Lamont, of this city; Oliver H. Paine, of Ohio, and James McMillan, of Detroit.

The company fully organized and chartered with a capital sufficient to begin upon an extensive scale the building of fibre mills in various parts of the country. Plans and specifications are about ready. Mr. Lamont said yesterday, for the building of the first mill, having a capacity of 50 tons per day. It will be situated in Maine and will cost in the neighborhood of $500,000.

The effect of the new process upon the paper market, says the Times, it is expected, will be to greatly cheapen all forms of paper and paper product.

No better field for an enterprise of this kind could well be found than in Montana. The forests of pine and spruce are almost inexhaustible, and the demand for such materials as could be produced would be considerable in the state, not to speak of the great extent of country to the east and west, north and south that could be supplied.

UNION PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Holiday Rates—Christmas and New Years.

The Union Pacific Railway company will make a holiday excursion rate of one and one-fifth fare for the round trip within a distance of (200) hundred miles or less; tickets to be sold December 24th, 25th and 31st; also January 1st, 1890; good for return until January 3d, 1890. A. E. VEAZIE, Pass. Agt.

The finest line of fancy China cups and saucers, for presentation, ever shown in Montana are now being displayed at The Bee Hive.

A Little Fire.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon an alarm of fire was sounded from box 53, corner of Benton avenue and Flowerree street. The fire department rushed to the scene, followed by a crowd of several hundred men, who, seeing a column of smoke on Ming's hill, hastened up only to find a steam saw, puffing away on a pile of cordwood. The fire laddies, however, went on to the fire, which was in a small frame building on Benton avenue, and was extinguished before much damage was done.

The finest line of Christmas cards in the city is to be seen at The Bee Hive.

Notice to Shippers.

A through refrigerator car on the Manitoba and Montana Central railways leaves St. Paul every Thursday. Shippers of perishable freights should notice this fact and govern themselves accordingly.

B. H. LANGLEY, General Freight Agent.

Drums! Drums! Drums! at The Bee Hive.

Notice of Removal.

Drs. Bacon & Haight have removed to their spacious parlors, rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 Broadwater building, corner Sixth avenue and Main street.

Daughters of Rebecca.

On the evening of December 19, Daughters of Rebecca, Lodge I. O. O. F., will give a dance at Encore hall, to be followed by a collation in Odd Fellows hall. A fine time is anticipated by the members, who are composed of Odd Fellows, their wives and daughters.

Let everybody remember that the very choicest Christmas gifts can be bought at the Bijou Cigar Store directly opposite Grand Central hotel. The finest brands of cigars, cigar and cigarette holders and cases, tobacco pouches, Meerschaum sets and pipes, and an elegant line of the latest styles of canes, all at the lowest possible prices.

Myrtle Lodge No. 3, K. of P.

A regular meeting of the above lodge will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at their Castle Hall over Parchen's drug store. Brothers of sister lodges are cordially invited to attend.

JACOB LOEB, K. of R. and S.

SANDS BROS.

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We will place on Sale To-Morrow a Large Assortment of Very Desirable Goods, Suitable for HOLIDAY PRESENTS, in all Departments through our entire Establishment---Dress Goods, Dress Patterns, Serges, Cashmeres, Henriettas, Wool Satteens, Fine Broadcloths, Dress Flannels, Black and Colored Silks, Surah Silks in all Shades, Black Gros Grain Silks, Colored and Black Faille Francie, with SPECIAL TEMPTING INDUCEMENTS THIS COMING WEEK.

CLOAK SALE.

This week we continue our CLEARING SALE in our New-Market Department, and we have cut the price of Each Garment to insure a quick sale. Below we quote a few prices, which are Surely of interest to EVERY LADY who intends to Purchase a Beaver Newmarket, a Jersey Newmarket, a Striped Newmarket, a Braided Newmarket, a Fancy Newmarket or a Newmarket of any shape, to EXAMINE OUR STOCK.

Ladies' Newmarkets, Sold at $55.00 Reduced to $42.00.
Ladies' Newmarkets, Sold at $35.00, Reduced to $27.50.
Ladies' Newmarkets, Sold at $25.00, Reduced to $19.00.
Ladies' Newmarkets, Sold at $20.00, Reduced to $16.50.
Ladies' Newmarkets, Sold at $16.50, Reduced to $12.35.
Ladies' Newmarkets, Sold at $15.00, Reduced to $11.00.

Ladies' English Walking Jackets.

Our $20.00 JACKETS,	-	-	We Now Offer For $15.00.
Our $15.00 JACKETS,	-	-	We Now Offer For $12.50.
Our $12.50 JACKETS,	-	-	We Now Offer For $10.00.
Our $10.00 JACKETS,	-	-	We Now Offer For $ 7.50.
Our $ 7.50 JACKETS	-	-	We Now Offer For $ 6.00

Children's Cloaks, Age from Two to Fourteen Years, Sold at a Discount of 25 Per Cent.

Christmas Opening of Holiday Goods.

Our Stock is now open and ready for Inspection. Goods may be Selected Now and we will hold and deliver them at any date desired.

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AUCTION SALE OF Fancy Dry Goods.

On Wednesday, December 18, '89.

I will sell at Public Auction at the sales rooms of the Helena Auction and Commission Co., No. 119 Broadway, a Choice lot of

Fancy Dry Goods, Cutlery

and other goods too numerous to mention.
These goods are consigned from a Chicago house and will be sold without reserve.
SALE AT 3 O'CLOCK P. M.
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PROPOSALS FOR LIGHTING.—SEALED proposals for lighting the streets of the city for one year from Jan. 1, 1890, will be received at the office of the undersigned, room 8, Holter block, Helena, Mont., until Monday, Dec. 23, 1889, at 12 o'clock m. of said day. Proposals should state the candle-power and price of each light.

The city reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the City Council.

A. C. BOTKIN, City Clerk.

Dated Helena, Mont., Dec. 16, 1889.

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A cheap 100-foot cor. in Flower Garden addition.
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Several 20 Acre tracts very cheap.
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Men's Fine Calf Shoes,	$3.00
Men's Fine Calf Shoes,	$2.50
Men's Fine Double-Sole Grain Shoes,	$2.50
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It adjoins the grounds of the Boston and Montana Company, on which will be erected their immense plant for their Smelter, Refinery and Copper Manufactory. These works will give constant employment to thousands of men, and constitute a permanent source of prosperity for the town of North Great Falls. The town is so situated that it will derive great and increasing benefits from the numerous factories that will seek the great water power at this point on the Missouri river.

It is surrounded by a magnificent agricultural region. Coal and Iron are found in abundant quantities within a few miles. The completion of the Neihart branch, now under construction, will within a few months, connect this town with the rich mineral fields of the Neihart and neighboring districts, and the extension of the Manitoba railroad will speedily render the Cœur d'Alene region tributary to North Great Falls.

An immense dam across the Missouri opposite North Great Falls will be completed by September next, at an approximate cost of $500,000, giving in its construction employment for a large number of men, and rendering available an immense water power.

The workshops of the Boston and Montana Company, to be built during the coming season, will give employment to a small army of men and be the cause of an expenditure approaching a million dollars. To complete the dam and the workshops by the time contemplated will necessitate covering the ground with workmen from the beginning of February next for the balance of the season of 1890.

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