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HELENA, MONT., DEC. 22, 1889.

WHAT SHALL WE DO FOR HELENA?

The organization of the Board of Trade for the ensuing year has been completed by the election of Donald Bradford, secretary, T. H. Klein Schmidt, treasurer, and F. R. Wallace, A. J. Steele, John T. Murphy, H. M. Parthen and D. A. Cory, executive committee. The new officers are solid, representative citizens who will bring energy, sound judgment, push and enterprise into the organization.

A revival of interest in this institution is greatly needed among our business men. Similar boards in Spokane Falls, Seattle, Tacoma and other northwestern cities are powerful factors in promoting the growth and prosperity of those cities.

Their members are all members and are liberal contributors to their treasuries. In some of these boards the annual dues of members are as high as \$300. The funds thus raised are used in disseminating information regarding the advantages of the towns, the resources of the surrounding country, and the opportunities offered for the investment of capital.

Helena business men who travel in any direction from home see in every hotel, business office, railroad train, wherever people are congregated, descriptive pamphlets, circulars, etc., sent out by the boards of trade of Spokane Falls and Tacoma and find every body thoroughly informed as to the attractions of these live young cities.

Regarding Helena, people generally have a favorable impression, but little definite knowledge. They do not know, as they should, that we have laid broad and deep the foundations of a great city; that we have a country greater in extent and richer in resources surrounding us than is tributary to Denver and that we are destined sooner or later to enter upon an era of marvellous growth such as that city has seen.

We have no reason to be jealous of the growing cities to the west of us. They are in no sense our rivals. We have our own undisputed field, and we shall always hold it. But we should put ourselves in friendly competition with them in the race for supremacy, and now is the time to do it.

We want no fictitious booms, no wild inflation of values, but we don't want to hide our light under a bushel and conceal from the world what we have. We want more immigration, we want more capital to come here. There is an old tradition of two Yankees who were shut up in a room and grew rich trading jack knives. Towns are not built in that way. The people now in Helena cannot grow rich trading solely with one another.

Let us tell the world the reasons for our faith in Helena; let us call attention to our advantages; let us invite people to come and see for themselves. No agency can do that so well as a live board of trade. Let us have it, with a membership 250 to 300 strong. The present annual dues, ten dollars, are ridiculously low. Make them \$30 a year at least, so that the board can have a fund to work on. Give the new secretary a chance. Mr. Bradford is one of our brightest, ablest, most active young men. He should receive a salary sufficient to warrant him in devoting the best part of his energies to the great amount of work that is to be done.

No boom, but progress.

CALIFORNIA has the biggest trees and produces the biggest beets, squashes and fruits grown in all the United States. It also boasts some fast horses, as trotting horses go. That California is not deficient in all, though abounding in the other matters indicated, was shown in congress the other day, when Senator Stanford introduced bills for public buildings, harbor improvements and other government works in the state calling for an aggregate expenditure of \$28,000,000. Truly there's nothing small about California except its fleas, and they make up in industry what they lack in size.

That able and aggressive republican journal, the Buffalo, New York, Express, recalling other days, crisply remarks: B. Platt Carpenter is a popular candidate for the United States senate from Montana. This shows that Montana is a long, long way from New York, where Mr. Carpenter could only expect to enjoy popularity at his own funeral. If Montana wishes to enter the union with a good name she will not send B. Platt Carpenter to represent her at Washington.

In a spirit of concession to the umpires, the Chicago base ball management has engaged a deaf mute for center fielder. The umpires' ideal club will be composed entirely of mutes.

New York has subscribed \$5,000,000 toward the World's fair of 1892, and

Chicago's bid up to date is \$3,000,000. There is still time for Helena to come to the front. Don't lose sight of the World's fair in the midst of the dust of a political rumpus.

THE St. Louis Republic says: "The republicans are still working hard to steal the Montana senatorships. They were complimented unduly by those who supposed that the November returns from Iowa and Ohio might convince them that larceny is not the best policy."

"Carter gets there," says the Herald referring to the congressman's appointment as chairman of the house committee on mines and mining. Of course he did. He "got there" when he voted for Reed for speaker.

Fighting It Up. Anomalous Standard: That the republicans in the senate at Helena should have presumed to organize by a vote that is neither quorum nor majority does not surprise us. They intended to do it from the first. Their course is a flagrant outrage, but so was the stealing of the tunnel precinct. The only difference is that it took the managers a good while to tempt Mr. Richards into a dirty and dishonest act.

The conspiracy finally captured him, however, and the Standard deplores the fact. Better than any man in Montana, Mr. Richards knows that he is playing a coward's part. But what of it? He had to match his conscience against his political ambition. He is joined to his idols. Let him alone.

Next week will see two republicans picked out for membership in the federal senate. They will not be honest representatives of the people, they are the offspring of fraud. Their election will signify that men like Mr. Richards favor a precedent which, forever hereafter, will make every precinct in Montana the easy prey of any designing rascal who wants to fix his fangs on any office in the people's gift.

The conspiracy cannot move too rapidly. It may ripen successfully, because majorities do not count in any of its plans. No newspaper ever dared to put into type a more cowardly utterance than the lines printed yesterday in the Helena Journal which say that "there is nothing in the constitution of Montana requiring a majority on the part of the legislature in the selection of temporary officers."

There is no telling what the democrats will do; but by all means, let the republicans carry this dirty fight over the senatorship of the state. The people will rejoice at its removal as they would welcome release from pestilence.

If the plans of the republicans are carried out, Col. Sanders will be defeated, a political imbuckle will be the contestant for the seat, and, according to the present state, the west side republicans will send the rottenest resident in Montana.

A Contemporary's Compliments. Helena Journal. The Journal congratulates its esteemed morning contemporary, THE INDEPENDENT, on its new perfecting press. Such evidences of enterprise are always commendable, and reflect credit on that journal.

The Coming Pittsburgh of the Northwest. Another aspirant to public favor looms up, on the upper Missouri, in North Great Falls, the coming Pittsburgh of the northwest. After weighing for nearly a year the natural advantages offered by various points in Montana for the site of their gigantic works, the Boston & Montana company finally selected a location on the north side of the Missouri, opposite Black Eagle Falls.

This will constitute the central point of industrial activity in this region. Adjoining the Boston and Montana company's site on the north, the town of North Great Falls has been planned. It is a sightly location and has been skillfully laid out, so that utility and sightliness have been combined. Here will be the homes of the throngs of employees, who will find permanent employment in the smelters, refineries and other works that are to be established there.

It is said that, besides operating their immense copper smelting and refining plant, the Boston and Montana will manufacture copper in its various products of that metal, such as copper wire, sheet copper, etc. The employees of this company alone, with their families, will number sufficient to make up a good-sized town.

The affairs of the new town are such as to go to make up a thriving and prosperous city. Among them are a magnificent agricultural section, excellent and increasing railway facilities, and coal, iron and precious minerals easily accessible by railroad lines. It has also tributary one of the best cattle and wool growing regions in Montana. In short, nature has been lavish in the surroundings of North Great Falls, which are such as inevitably build up a city of wealth and activity.

The affairs of the town are, happily, in the hands of men of experience and liberality and everything that intelligence and enterprise will do to push a community forward, will be done. Liberal inducements are offered to those purchasers who improve their property. To accommodate the numerous workmen who will at once be employed there, dwellings will be in active demand, and the coming spring will witness a building boom in the new town that will eclipse Montana's record in that line.

Following out a wise policy the owners of North Great Falls have, to begin with, placed the prices of lots at extremely modest figures, which will in the ordinary course of events, be advanced when the rush begins in the spring. Matheson & Steele of this city, have lists of this property and list prices, and from all indications those who have money to invest can reap a rich return by buying from them property in this promising new town.

Sensible and Substantial. The season approaches when loving hearts are planning pleasant surprises for loved ones and practical minds are being racked (to say nothing of purses) for sensible and substantial tokens to commemorate a season of joy. To meet the wants and please the tastes of all, we have taken especial pains in the selection of goods for the holiday trade, and in selecting gifts no easier or cheaper plan can be followed than to call and make selections from our fine line of silk plush toilet cases, comprising many styles and striking novelties never before advertised, seen in this market. Our motto: Fine Goods and New York Prices.

New York Dry Goods Store.

Most acceptable will be a good glass of wine for your friends at Christmas, and the place to get it at is the California Wine House, 45 South Main street. Mr. Pack has the largest and best assortment from. You will find what you want and can rest assured of having the best that can be bought.

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All Ready. The toboggan slide on Helena avenue is all ready for business. Come and bring your best girl.

THE MARKETS. STOCKS. New York, Dec. 20.—Bar silver 95 1/2. Copper—Firm; like December, \$13.90. Lead—Steady; domestic, \$2.30.

The general legislation which has taken place in stocks during the past few days, made Saturday's market an extremely dull one, without special feature of any kind. The close was firm, though dull, generally at insignificant change from the opening. Final changes are all for small fractions, with the advance largely in the majority. Government bonds dull and steady.

Petroleum opened steady at \$1.07, and moved up to 10 1/2; a reaction followed and the market closed steady at \$1.07. Government bonds, 4 1/2, 4 1/2, 10 1/2, North Pacific, 3 1/2, preferred, 5 1/2; Oregon Navigation, 9 1/2; Oregon Improvement, 4; Transcontinental, 25; Union Pacific, 6 1/2.

Money on call easy; closed at 3. Prime mercantile paper, 3 1/2 to 7 1/2. Sterling exchange, quiet; steady; sixty-day bills, \$1.84.

CHICAGO CATTLE. CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Cattle.—Receipts, 2,500; quiet; choice steers, \$4.75 to \$5.25; medium to good steers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 to \$3.00; cows, bulls and mixed, \$1.25 to \$2.50; bulk, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Hogs.—Receipts, 30,000; dull; low, mixed, \$3.45 to \$3.65; heavy, \$3.45 to \$3.70; light, \$3.45 to \$3.70. Sheep.—Receipts, 2,000; steady; natives, fancy, \$4.00 to \$5.00; medium to good, \$3.00 to \$3.50; western corn fed, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

CHICAGO PRODUCE. CHICAGO, Dec. 21, 1 1/2 p. m.—Close—Wheat—Hard, Dec., nominally, 78 1/2; Jan., nominally, 79; May, 80 1/2. Corn—Lower, Dec., 32; Jan., 31 1/2; 60 1/2; May, 24 1/2.

Options—Wheat, Dec., 20 1/2; Jan., 20 1/2; May, 22 1/2. New York—Lower, Jan., 30 1/2; Feb., 30 1/2. Lard—Wooler, Jan., \$5.07 1/2 to \$5.00; Feb., \$5.00 to \$5.02 1/2; medium to good, \$4.60 to \$4.75; western corn fed, \$4.00 to \$5.00.

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If you have not yet purchased your holiday goods you can get them at cost price this week at SANDS BROS.

Sands Bros. are overstocked on holiday goods and will sell their elegant assortment of Christmas novelties this week at cost prices.

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