

LIVE POLITICAL TOPICS.

There is Nothing Certain About Mantle's Senatorship, Though He Has the Lead.

Politicians and Legislators Are at Home Recovering From Christmas Festivities.

Only Four Senators and Three Representatives Were at the Court House Yesterday Morning.

Politicians and legislators have not yet recovered from Christmas festivities. The hotel lobbies and favorite lounging places have been deserted for three days, except by a few men-about-town. It is probable that the wanderers will return this evening, though many of them will remain over Sunday with their families. The battle men are expected back tonight to put the finishing touches on Mantle's canvass. While Mantle apparently has a good lead over any other man from the West side, his nomination is by no means a certainty. There are well posted republican politicians in this city who firmly believe that Mantle will be defeated, though they are not hostile to his canvass. Said one of them last evening: "Mr. Mantle and his friends and advisers, the men who are looking after his interests, are over confident. I know of several men who are expected to vote for Mantle, that are likely to shift when the time comes. If some one starts a bolt I would not give much for his chances. I have not noticed around the hotel here that certain Mantle men are inclined to sneer and profess to be amused at Couch's candidacy. They are mistaken. Tom Couch has certain men who will stand by him to the last, and he has strings on certain men whom the Mantle crowd do not suspect. Of course, I understand how some men can smile at Tom Couch going to the United States senate, and sitting along with men like Ingalls, Vest and Evans, but his election is another matter. Couch knows more politics than he is credited with, and he will spend money like water if he sees a chance to beat Mantle. If he can get a senatorship he will look sharp for some good man who can step in the breach. Couch has a bitter hatred for Mantle and he will leave no stone unturned to defeat him. If Mantle is badly beaten I will not be at all surprised. The other senatorship? Sanders will get it certain. Why, my boy, did you ever stop to think how demoralized the small fry republican politicians would be if Wilbur F. should step out of the political arena. He must have his reward for his untiring work, and he will get it."

Scene, Broadway: Discouraged Rump (The Day After). "M (hic) berry Christmas! Bah for Manders an' Santle, Owe's N. P. an' Uzer's N. G."

But three members of the house of representatives were present at the session yesterday, which was, it is needless to say, very brief. Messrs. Whaley, Beach and Pool were the dutiful ones. In the absence of a quorum, the house adjourned until 10 a. m. to-day. It is probable that a quorum will not be present until Monday, as the majority of representatives are at home enjoying holiday festivities.

The only senators who honored the chamber with their presence yesterday morning were Fisher, Hedges, Olds and Rutherford. As the lieutenant-governor and the secretary were there the usual preliminary proceedings were gone through with. Upon motion of Senator Olds the senate was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning. Three republican senators are out of town and Senator Brown is too unwell to take any active part in legislative work. There were several anxious enquiries for the democratic senators, but no one seemed to know when they would again visit the senate.

About one half of the rumps were out of town last night. It was a few minutes after 9 o'clock last evening when Speaker Witter announced to the rumps present that there was no quorum. The absent members were excused and those present adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

One of the most restless legislators in town is Senator Brown of Beaverhead. He is thoroughly tired of the deadlock and does not hesitate to say so. He thinks concessions should be made by both sides if necessary to bring about legislative action. The senator's well known independence of character asserts itself at frequent intervals. On Thursday evening while talking to senator Fisher in the dining room at the Merchants hotel the senator denounced with great emphasis the action of those who had brought about the situation. "There are 200,000 people in need of legislation and no one to give it to them," he said. Fisher tried to soothe the senator's indignation by inviting him to the Montana Club where the North Dakota delegation was being entertained. "No," said Senator Brown, "I might be called on to say something and I would be very liable to talk in a way that would settle beyond a doubt. It would not be at all surprising to see the senator leave the town in disgust at any moment."

Governor Toole has not yet appointed a successor to Judge McHatton. He is giving careful consideration to the matter, though he will doubtless name his appointee in the course of a few days.

The Warhorse has taken to wearing a silk hat lately in place of the soft black hat that usually hangs in a raking fashion on one side of his head. He spends a good part of the time in the Cosmopolitan chatting with the politicians of his own party. If the Warhorse's beaming countenance and ready smile are omens of good fortune, he is certainly in the best of luck.

The round form of Dogberry Carpenter is not seen in the hotel lobbies as often as in days of yore. The sly smile in the corner of his mouth has taken a very sad droop. If the late candidate for senatorial honors has not been attacked with the influenza, his appearance indicates that he is anticipating it.

A Solution of the Deadlock. TO THE INDEPENDENT:—I notice in the INDEPENDENT of Wednesday's issue that the two judges from Silver Bow county have handed in their resignations to the governor of the state, thus leaving it in his power to appoint a successor to fill the vacancy. Now, as a true democrat, I ask in all candor why would not this be a good solution of the present legislative deadlock existing in our young state? Let the five men from Silver Bow, on both sides, who are claiming seats in the lower house step up like men and tender their resignations and let the governor issue a proclamation calling for a new election in Silver Bow, to elect five men to fill the vacancy, and then let legislation stand still for fifteen or twenty days as the case may be until such election shall have taken place. This is a virtually no surrender on either side, unless it be on the democratic side—and it certainly would settle beyond a doubt the question which has held everything at a standstill so long. I am of the opinion that either side ought to be willing to follow the noble example set by the two contestants for the judgeship of Silver Bow county. I would respectfully ask you to publish this letter as it may suggest an idea of settlement of the situation which is at present putting us in a disagreeable light before the people at large.

HOW TO SPEND MONEY.

The Philosophy as Taught by a German Professor.

"There was a time," remarked a middle-aged man at a popular hotel the other day, "when I was in the habit of spending all the money I made in small sums, I thought I was very economical, in fact, saving; but at the end of each month I found my salary scarcely sufficient to meet my expenses. One day I came across an old German who told me I was on the wrong track. Said he: 'You spend money every day, a little at a time, it is true, but it all goes, just the same, and you receive but little or no enjoyment from its use. It is like taking a thread from a large piece of calico and slowly unraveling it out. The money goes, but you scarcely miss it. That is not the way to enjoy the use of money. If you must spend money and have a good time, as you call it, save up till you have accumulated a goodly sum, then let go of a round lump. Spend it like a prince and you will enjoy yourself ten times more, and will find on summing up that you have made a good sized hole in your bank account. You notice the loss of this money particularly, and will take the necessary precautions to remedy it in the future, whereas, if you spend your money daily, no account is taken of it. You lose much more in the end and have no enjoyment to speak of.'" This bit of philosophy I have taken to heart," said the narrator, "and the longer I practice it the better I get along. The desire to spend promiscuously gradually grows less, and the periodicals have grown few and far between, so that now, after an experience of ten years, I find myself enjoying a competence which I never could have had if I had kept on in the old way. It is the loss of a large sum that we notice particularly, but the little one not at all."

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AMUSEMENTS.

The Bandmann Company in Narcisse—Katie Putnam.

Mr. Bandmann and his company gave an enjoyable entertainment to an appreciative audience at Ming's opera house last evening. The different members of the company appear to much better advantage in a modern play like Narcisse than in the more difficult Shakespearean plays, where a lack of talent is more apparent. Mr. Bandmann as Narcisse was applauded throughout the performance. Miss Ellsworth's acting met with the favor of the audience and the other members of the company did very well. The costumes were rich and appropriate, and the entire performance was given in a satisfactory manner. This afternoon a matinee will be given at the usual hour, and this evening the company's engagement will conclude with the presentation of Richard III.

Katie Putnam.

This popular sobrette will open a week's engagement at Ming's on Monday evening. The New York News speaks of her as follows:

Miss Putnam's conception and acting in "Old Curiosity Shop" alike are the result of a deeply intelligent study of Dickens' meaning, and it is so seldom we find the great Boz's characters adequately realized on the stage that to say she succeeds is equivalent to declaring her a comedienne of remarkable ability.

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Pictures of all kinds at The Bee Hive.

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A New Railroad Company.

Thomas F. Oakes, of St. Paul, James B. Williams, of Stamford, Ct., Henry Stoughton and George S. Baxter of New York, and George H. Earle of Jersey City, have incorporated the Livingston and Cokedale railroad company. The road will commence at a point about four miles west of Livingston on the Northern Pacific railroad, and thence up Eldridge creek to Cokedale, a distance of three miles. The capital stock is \$300,000 in 3,000 shares of \$100 each.

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Thanks From the Sisters.

The Sisters of Charity return many thanks to Dr. Tracy, for the enjoyable Christmas dinner sent to them, and to the noble and generous hearts of Sands Bros., whose remembrances were a welcome surprise. Sincere acknowledgments of gratitude are made to A. P. Curtin for the beautiful gift of an easel frame and painting. The sisters wish their kind friends a merry Xmas week and a happy new year.

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The stock and fixtures of a livery stable now doing a good paying business. A rare opportunity is here offered for a party to step right into a nice paying business. For full particulars call on W. Jackson at his music store, Bailey block, Main street.

A New Painting.

Michalowsky's latest work, entitled, "The Adulterer," has just arrived and can be seen at Mr. Fack's place of business. It is an illustration in strong French, and must be seen to be appreciated, as it is one of his masterpieces.

Alarm clocks only \$1.25 at The Bee Hive.

Manitoba Pacific Line Reopened.

The above line, consisting of the Minneapolis & Manitoba and Montana Central railroads, via Butte, in connection with the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, has been reopened for the freight and passenger business to and from San Francisco, Portland and other Pacific coast points. This will be a great convenience for Helena merchants and the traveling public.

Only a few children's cloaks left at The Bee Hive which will be sold at a good deal less than cost.

NOTARY SEALS—New ones made and old ones changed. C. E. Kemp, Helena, Mont.

Try It.

Try our best patent flour, the best in the market, and Whittaker Star hams, at J. C. T. McNairy & Co.'s.

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THE MINES OF MADISON.

The Revenue Mine About to Be Sold for Four Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Mines of Red Bluff and Hot Spring Creek Coming to the Front.

The Monitor and Arctic Lodes—A New Process for Working Refractory Ores of That District.

The mines in old Madison county are again coming to the front, and it would not be surprising if the great output of placer gold of early days was not surpassed before long by the quartz mines of that section. The big sale made by Morris and Elling, at Pony, has attracted the attention of mining men, and a number of mines that have lain idle for years are now being overhauled, and some of them are already producing good results. Of course, the best developed mines are at Pony, where a great deal of money is being expended in the erection of machinery and in developments, but Hot Spring creek and Red Bluff are also looming up in a manner that is gratifying to all holders of property in the camp. The Revenue mine, on Hot Spring creek, was bought by a company of Boston capitalists a little over a year ago. It was thoroughly prospected and explored and found to contain a large quantity of free milling gold ore. A twenty-stamp mill was then purchased and set to work, and the result of the past year's run has been very gratifying to the owners. The result for the year 1888 has been \$100,000 in gold, with 20,000 to 30,000 tons of ore in sight. The ore running from \$25 to \$40 is worked in the mill, while the higher grade, that is, from \$60 to \$100 per ton, is shipped to Maryland, in the Gallegos valley, thence to the Helena & Livingston smelter. Negotiations are now pending for the purchase of the Revenue for the sum of \$400,000, by a New York syndicate. Among other mines in the neighborhood that are showing up well under development are the Monitor and Arctic lodes, the property of Mr. Knox, an experienced miner from Colorado. The Monitor is a cross lead of the Revenue, and the Arctic is a cross lead of 100 feet and a pay streak, eighteen to twenty inches encountered, which assays \$100 to the ton. This appears to be an entirely separate lead from the Arctic and Monitor, and its discovery was an agreeable surprise to the owner of the ground. The lead stands nearly perpendicular to the bedding plain, and the tunnel cuts it at a depth of seventy feet. A carload of ore from the mine has been shipped to Helena, where it will be sampled and analyzed. The tunnel is to be extended until it strikes both the Monitor and Arctic lodes, where it is expected a big body of ore will be discovered. The great pay streak in the Revenue is only 200 feet from the end line of the Monitor, and every indication points to the conclusion that it will be encountered in the latter lode.

At Red Bluff a patent process for working gold ores is being introduced with the prospect of success. There is any quantity of ore in the camp, and the only drawback heretofore has been the want of funds to successfully treat it. If the new process works successfully, and there is every reason to believe it will, as it has been thoroughly tested on similar ores elsewhere, the mines of that district will be among the best gold producers of Montana.

The Boulder Chief.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Boulder Chief Mining company was held at the office of John Shober on the evening of the 25th and the following officers elected: Wm. Thompson, president; Chas. L. Dahler, vice-president; Thos. Goff, secretary; T. H. Clewell, treasurer. The Boulder Chief, like a good many other incorporated mining companies in Montana, made the mistake of making the stock unassessable and the result is that funds are for coming to prosecute work on the mine. The property is pronounced by competent experts to be one of the best in the district, and only requires a small amount of money to put it on a paying basis. In order to secure this money and put the mine on a business basis for its future time, the stockholders have decided to incorporate the present company and to reincorporate under the laws of the state and make the stock assessable for working purposes. It is a tedious process to go through, but seems to be the only one that can be successfully adopted to reach the desired end. The attempt to develop a mine with non-assessable stock has proved disastrous to a good many corporations. It can only be successful where the original capital in the treasury is amply sufficient to prosecute all work required, or where the mine has sufficient ore in sight to guarantee the expense of development. When fully organized, with money in the treasury to go ahead, there is no doubt but what the Boulder Chief will take its place among the dividend paying mines of Montana.

Buy your Christmas slippers at Fred Gomer's the largest and best selected stock in town.

Woman and Dog.

One sometimes wonders that railroad men can ever succeed in keeping their tempers, says the Hartford Courant. Read the following as an instance of what they have sometimes to endure. On Saturday afternoon a woman and a dog stood in the waiting room of the Union station in this city. The dog was a clemmy but puppy about a feet long, and was frightened. It accordingly lay down, and could not be induced to walk. The woman tugged away at the rope, but to no purpose. Finally she picked up the animal and attempting under its weight, carried it over to the baggage room. The following conversation then occurred:

Lady—Will you check this dog to William's? He's almost frightened to death, and I don't know how to get him right along with you in the car?
"Well, I can't get him to the car."
"Why not?"
"He won't walk."
"Why not?"
"He's frightened to death, I tell you."
"Dog sick?"
"No."
"Drag him along, then."
"I won't drag him along."
"Well, if you won't drag him along, and he won't walk, I don't see what we can do. He wouldn't walk for me if he won't for you."
The woman then tried to carry the dog, but he was too heavy. Even the iron-hearted baggage man was moved.

"That woman is a darn fool," he muttered to himself. He then jumped over the shelf of the baggage room and went over to the woman.

"Let me try," he said kindly, and he sat the dog firmly on his legs. The animal as firmly sat down. Then he walked gently to the beast and patted it. Finally he observed:

"That dog would walk if I had some turpentine."
This observation was unheard by the owner of the beast. Finally the man of trunks picked the dog up in his arms and, carrying him bodily to his baggage room, hung a check upon him and sat him on the elevator. His parting remarks to the poor animal was: "I hope you'll find some one before you get to William's, who'll make you walk or know the reason why."

The Queen Was Calm. MADRID, Dec. 27.—During the performance at the opera house this evening an accident to the electric light machinery caused a panic, a cry of fire having been raised. By the efforts of the actors, the alarm was checked and the audience dispersed quietly. The queen regent and Infanta Isabel, who were in the royal box, remained standing during the commotion and were the last to leave the house.

THE DISTRICT COURT.

A Large Number of Cases Disposed of by Judge Hunt.

The following were the proceedings in district court yesterday:

In the application of Christopher Schlater for final naturalization papers; final papers of naturalization granted.

Union Mercantile Co. vs. J. H. Jurgens and Bennett Price; defendants' demurrer overruled.

The First National bank of Elgin, Ill. vs. Bach Cory & Co. (Id.); case dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

B. Brannen vs. Alfred Brush; defendant's motion to quash service of summons taken under advisement.

Bernard D. Collins vs. A. M. Holter, et al.; defendant's demurrer overruled to which defendant excepted.

J. C. Thompson vs. J. B. Atchison, et al.; judgment corrected.

First National bank of Helena vs. Helena Steam Power and Light Co.; plaintiff permitted to amend complaint.

Mattie Keutler vs. Joseph Keutler; defendant of defendant entered, witnesses examined and decree of divorce granted.

Pearl Howard vs. Mary Burns; judgment for plaintiff to which plaintiff excepted.

Real Estate Transfers. The following are the real estate transfers filed yesterday with the clerk and recorder:

Franklin R. Wallace et ux. to Mattie H. Sullivan, trustee, lot 2, block 2, Flowerree addition. \$500

John S. M. Neill and wife to Mattie H. Sullivan, lot 2, block 523, lot 8, block 280, lot 8, block 357, Easterly addition. \$500

Robert W. Jacob et ux. to Eliza J. Merrill, lot 3 and 4, block 74, Northern Pacific addition. 700

J. J. Donovan et ux. to Nellie D. Ward, land in Flowerree addition. 825

Samuel Johnston and wife to George H. Ranz, one-half interest in the "Mock" block. 100

George Herring to Jane Johnston, one-fourth interest in above claim. 100

James McAlamie to James B. Laidley, 340 feet of lot 22, block 547, Helena townsite. 1

Estos A. Cummings et al. to James B. Laidley, part of lot 22, block 547, Helena townsite. 1

Change of Time on the Montana Central. Taking effect Sunday, Dec. 22, trains will arrive and depart from Helena as follows:

Train No. 1, Helena and Butte express. 8:15 a. m.

Train No. 2, Helena and Butte express. 7:00 p. m.

Train No. 3, Montana Pacific express from east. 3:30 p. m. 3:45 p. m.

Train No. 4, St. Paul express, for east. 11:20 a. m. 11:30 a. m.

Train No. 5, Marysville. 10:30 a. m.

Train No. 6, Marysville. 8:00 a. m.

Train No. 7, Marysville. 6:40 p. m.

Train No. 8, Marysville. 1:00 p. m.

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