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Montanians abroad will always find The Daily Independent on file at their favorite hotels.

FOREST DESTRUCTION.

No part of the governor's message should receive more careful attention from the legislature than that in which he recommends the enactment of laws to prevent the destruction of our forests.

Chief Fernow, of the Forestry division, recommends the establishment of experimental tree plantations, to settle, as far as possible, the various questions regarding forest planting upon which the opinions of settlers differ so greatly.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. There is one portion of the governor's message which must be matter of satisfaction to the people of Montana, no matter what their individual shade of political color may be.

Attention Daughters of Kekekab. There will be a special meeting of Naomi lodge No. 1, D. of R., this Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

guardians in the state who are not wide awake to seize the educational opportunities presented to their children. Wherever and whenever such benighted beings do exist, the law should certainly be put in force, and the possibilities of a continuation of the breed minimized.

RETURNING REASON.

The daily Russell Harrison of Jan. 2, said:

With the meeting of the legislature next Monday "the perplexities of last winter's deadlock will again be upon us," remarks the Independent.

This outburst was occasioned by the suggestion in THE INDEPENDENT of the previous day that with each party having twenty-five men whose seats were not in dispute, and each claiming five seats that were in dispute, the conditions were favorable to an adjustment of difficulties.

While no overtures for a compromise have as yet been formally made by either party, there is a strong and growing sentiment that the legislative difficulties must and will be speedily adjusted.

We congratulate Mr. Russell Harrison on the agility with which he has turned his summersault and landed inside the ring. It is something to be proud of not to be more than one week behind THE INDEPENDENT.

A WASHINGTON dispatch to the Butte Miner throws a side light on the shameful betrayal of Montana's interests by the two fraudulent senators. It says:

The republicans who vote for free coinage are going to be blacklisted by Harrison and no one knows the strength of Harrison's influence with the Montanans.

The material difference between the two is that Butte is supported by her great mines, and Helena by her great pretensions.

Oh, is it? Just cast your eye over the tables in the governor's message and see which has the greater resources behind it. The assessment of Lewis and Clarke county for 1890 is \$29,708,717; that of Silver Bow \$16,208,833.

Tribute From the Opposition. The Butte Inter-Mountain says: Whatever Gov. Toole does he does well.

Greatness on Two Continents. Minneapolis Journal: The young man who runs Germany would have made a good Russell Harrison.

Notice. The attention of all dealers in wood is called to city ordinance No. 35, requiring every dealer in wood to furnish every purchaser of wood a certificate from the inspector showing the amount of wood delivered.

A DEMOCRATIC TRINITY.

Jackson the Incarnation of the Things Which Thomas Jefferson Declared.

And Cleveland the Embodiment of the Sterling Qualities of Both.

The Principles of True Democracy Elaborated at a Philadelphia Banquet on Jackson Day.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 8.—Jackson day was celebrated to-night by the Young Men's Democratic association with a banquet at the Academy of Music, at which many prominent persons were present.

Ex-President Cleveland spoke in response to the toast "Principles of True Democracy." He eulogized democracy and its creed and said parties have come and parties have gone, but there never has been a time from Jefferson's day to the present when the democratic party did not exist, active, aggressive, and prepared for heroic conflict.

Not all who have followed its banner have been able to demonstrate, as an abstraction, why democratic principles are best suited to their wants and the country's good, but they have known and felt that as their government was established for the people, the principles and men nearest the people and standing for them could be safest trusted.

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Mr. Cleveland expressed the hope that Pennsylvania will not long remain behind her sister states in adopting an effective plan to protect her people's suffrage, and added that in any event the democracy of the state can find no jurisdiction in party principle nor in party traditions nor in the just apprehension of democratic action for failure to earnestly support and advocate ballot reform.

Go to Hotel Helena on Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, and on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and Feb. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and March 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and May 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and August 1, 2, 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