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

THE STORY OF A GREAT SOLDIER.

The memoirs of the late Count von Moltke, which his literary executors have compiled for publication in Germany, are attracting the attention of the entire military and literary world.

Not second in interest to the memoirs themselves will be the striking papers on the great field marshal, written by Lord Wolsley, of the British army, in which the story of the life and career of the German soldier is graphically told.

CABINET CHANGES

Gov. Paine's designation of Secretary Proctor to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Edmunds in the senate makes the first change in President Harrison's cabinet, but it is not likely to be the last.

The Salt Lake Herald, after scanning the political situation in Montana, observes: Young Mr. Harrison is making a tremendous effort to wheel Montana into line for his honored progenitor.

The spirit of the press of the state in its treatment of the success of Helena in securing three great conventions next year is generous and appreciative.

delegates to the conventions that meet in Helena in June, July and August. Not only Helena, but all Montana will give the visitors a royal welcome, and a majority of them will visit every point of interest in our state.

The public schools begin next Monday and parents should have the children ready for prompt attendance. It should be a great year for education in Montana.

That is a cruel suggestion of Harper's Weekly that the republican state convention of New York should pass a resolution recommending a candidate for United States senator.

Tax attempts to produce artificial rainfall are of course only a first crude effort. If they are successful they will doubtless be followed by inventions for turning the rain into ice to cool the heated atmosphere on summer days.

The Chicago Evening Mail remarks that "When Chicago completes her thirty-four story office building she will be nearer heaven than any other town in the world."

CROSS-CUTS.

A good man dies whenever a boy goes wrong.—Bam's Horn.

Modest—No, wearing a sash doesn't indicate pains in the stomach.—Columbus Post.

"Goodness, John! How queer baby looks. I believe he is going to have a fit." By George! I believe you are right. Where's my camera?—Detroit Free Press.

"Well! If that isn't the neatest trick I ever heard of!" "What?" "They have sent an ossified man as a missionary to the Canibal islands."—Indianapolis Journal.

Little Girl—"To-morrow will be Sunday won't it? Lady—Yes. How do you expect to spend your time? Little Girl—Wishing it was Monday.—Street & Smith's Good News.

Angry proprietor—"Are you the careless scoundrel that left the door at the foot of this elevator open?" Elevator boy—"No, sir. It was the elevator inspector. He's just been paying his regular visit to see that everything's safe, sir."—Chicago Tribune.

Madge—"I'd give a good deal to know whether Will Wislets is in love with me or not." Millicent—"The next evening you expect him to call wear your new shirt and ask him to tie your four-in-hand for you. If he makes a perfect knot at the first attempt you can make up your mind that he has nothing more than a brotherly interest in you."—Brooklyn Eagle.

"No, sir," exclaimed one of the committee; I am unalterably opposed to locating this deaf and dumb asylum three miles from the railroad."

"What difference does it make?" asked another member.

"Where would the inmates take their promenades if there were no railway track handy?"—New York Sun.

He didn't read the papers for they hadn't any news.

At least, they didn't coincide with his special views.

And when he came to town one day, with criticism tips.

He climbed to an electric lamp to light his ancient pipe.

He hadn't read the papers—but he knew just what was best;

He simply snuffed the wire and—the fluid did the rest.

—Atlanta Constitution.

Montana's Opportunity.

Great Falls Leader: The whole state may rejoice with Helena, in anticipation of the people who will come to Montana to attend upon the three great organizations which have decided to hold their annual session in that city next year.

The supreme lodge of A. O. U. W. will bring within the state men of affairs, who can appreciate a good thing when they see it, who will be ready to recognize the resources of this great commonwealth and who have money to place wherever there is the promise of a liberal return.

The National Educational association always affords cultured visitors, who will find the people of the northwest as they build new cities do not forget that other things than wealth must insure the future. And every believer in our future will convince a dozen friends. The Sons of Veterans will look upon the natural wealth of Montana and say it is good.

Probably twenty thousand men and women will come among us because of these three organizations next year. How much of this wonderful state they will see, depends almost entirely upon the enterprise of the citizens in our leading cities, and the liberality of the railroads in affording them cheap transportation, in the way of reduced rates or excursions, to and from the principal cities. Every opportunity and attention should be given these visitors,

to the end that they may see our beautiful valleys and canyons, go into the mines and learn of the enterprise that has made our growing towns. All these things can be accomplished, and we believe the railroads will do their part if the people show a proper amount of enthusiasm. The effort which Helena has shown in this matter is commendable.

ANECDOTES OF BENTON.

Col. Wm. F. Switzer's Recollection of the Missouri Senator.

The editor of the Columbia, Mo., Statesman personally knew the late Senator Benton, and whenever convenient attended his appointments to address the people. He was one of the most trenchant, forcible and instructive speakers in public life, and in some respects very peculiar.

In his speeches to the people he did not conform to the usual methods of other politicians. He never appeared in court house, hall or grove before the hour announced for his speech to linger about the place among the people, talking to them, receiving old friends and being introduced to new ones. He was always promptly on time, went at once to the stand, stopping to talk to nobody, and with his great attention to the audience commenced his speech. He did not take a seat in the chair on the stand, but displaced his large, broad brimmed white hat, threw his silk gloves into it, and opened his oratorical batteries without any delay.

Another peculiarity of Senator Benton was he never addressed the people as "Fellow-citizens," but only as "citizens." It was often said by his enemies that he never recognized the masses of the people as "fellows" of his, but simply as "citizens."

In allusions to himself, his opinions on public questions, and what he had done, and intended to do he quite often interjected the personal pronoun "I" and substituted "Benton" for it. "Benton did," "Benton says," "Benton will," etc.

His mien was very imperious, domineering and martial, and he opposed his enemies to death. He raised the black flag and asked and gave no quarter.

During the pendency of his celebrated "appeal" from the Jackson-Napton slavery resolutions in 1849, Fayette, Howard county, was regarded as the local point of his opposition to him. In the town of Fayette, called "the Fayette Clique," and it consisted, prominently and aggressively of C. F. Jackson, Dr. John J. Lowry, Dr. Charles R. Scott, Wm. B. Napton and others.

In May, 1849, he came to Fayette, and in the evening he addressed the people in the large assembly of people, in which even before he spoke there was much excitement, he made a characteristic address—strong, logical, incisive and defiant.

The "Fayette Clique" were all present, occupying seats in the chapel, and returned Benton's scowls with scowls of their own. He came in a carriage from the hotel, accompanied, as we remember it, by Joseph Wright only, who was among the few Benton democrats in Howard county. He marched straight to the stand, looking at nobody, speaking to nobody, and commenced: "Citizens and friends, since the term 'Fayette' I mean to include those who are here to listen to the truth and to believe it and none others." The last two words were uttered with a vocal force that made the "clique" tremble in their seats.

In Boziva, Polk county, a very large crowd attended his appointment, and among those present was Colonel Robert E. Acock, a prominent, most reputable and well-known citizen of Polk county, and a life-long friend of Benton. He had often voted for him in the legislature for United States senator, and up to his "appeal" had been loyal to his fortunes. But the "appeal" completely estranged him and he became violently anti-Benton. All this Benton knew. And he personally knew Acock.

During his speech Col. Acock rose in the crowded audience, unfortunately with his hat on, and asked the speaker a question, whereupon the excitement became intense and the entire assembly rose to its feet. Benton, of course, heard the question, and in a loud voice and with the mien of a field marshal said: "Citizens, who is this man that interrupts Benton in his speech to the people? Who is he? From all sides the response came, "Colonel Acock." "Colonel R. E. Acock." Continuing, Benton said: "Acock, Acock; no, citizens, not a cock, but a bent rafter."

And looking at the colonel as only Benton could look, he pointed to him and said in a staccato of the shrillest notes: "Take off your hat sir; take off your hat," and in the confusion it was done. "Take your seat, sir; take your seat, sir," and Colonel Acock and the entire audience sat down. Benton resumed his speech without further attention to the question.

At Commerce, in Scott county, when he was a candidate for governor, a citizen during his speech arose in the audience and respectfully asked him what would be his course, if elected, on a certain subject which was mentioned. He scowled upon the questioner, and, repeating the question, replied in a loud voice and defiant manner, "Citizens, Benton gives no bonds," and proceeded with his speech.

CATTLE INSTINCT FOR BLOOD.

An Incident Related by a Writer in Longman's Magazine.

The following incident will show how violently blood passion sometimes affects cattle when they are permitted to exist in half wild condition, as on the pampas. I was out with my gun one day a few miles from home, when I came across a patch on the ground where the grass was pressed or trodden down and stained with blood. I concluded that some thievish ganchos had slaughtered a fat cow there on the previous night, and to avoid detection had somehow managed to carry the whole of it away on their horses. As I walked on a herd of cattle, numbering about 300, appeared moving slowly on, toward a small stream a mile away. They were traveling in a thin long line, and would pass the blood-stained spot at a distance of seven to eight hundred yards, but the wind from it would blow across their track. When the tainted wind struck the leaders of the herd they instantly stood still, raising their heads, then broke out into loud excited bellowings, and finally turning, they started off at a fast trot, following up the scent in a straight line, until they arrived at the place where one of their kind had met his death. The contagion spread, and before long all the cattle were congregated on the fatal spot and began moving round in a dense mass, bellowing continually.

It may be remarked here that the animal has a peculiar language on occasions like this. It emits a succession of short bellowing cries, like excited exclamation-points, followed by a very loud cry, alternately sinking into a hoarse murmur and rising to a kind of scream that grates harshly on the ears. Of these ordinary "cow music" I am a great admirer, and take as much pleasure in it as in the cries and melody of birds and the sound of the wind in trees; but this performance of cattle excited by the smell of blood is most distressing to hear. The animals that are forced to pass into the center of the mass to the spot where the blood was pawed the earth and dug it up with their horns and trampled each other down in their frantic excitement. It was terrible to see and hear them. The action of those on the outer edge of the living mass is perpetually moving round in a circle with colorful bellowings was like that of the women of an Indian village when a warrior dies, and all fight they utter a low wailing cry, and moving round and round the dead man's hut in an endless procession.—Longman's Magazine.

Took All the Cash.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 31.—At Northka, a small station on the Alton road, in La Fayette county, a daring bank robbery took place to-day. The bank is a branch of the Higginsville bank, and the regular cashier, a man of long hair and bushy eyebrows. The bookkeeper was out on business this afternoon, when two men rode up to the bank, dismounted, walked in, shut the door and locked it before the cashier noticed what was going on. Then at the point of revolver one man seized the cashier by the collar and the other, holding all the cash in sight. The robbers then mounted their horses and fled.

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