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Montanians abroad will always find THE DAILY INDEPENDENT on file at their favorite hotels.

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MONTANA IN 1892.

Of the new states admitted to the Union since 1888 Montana is the only one to which the democratic party may reasonably look for electoral votes in this year's presidential contest.

The state is entitled to six delegates to the national democratic convention which meets in Chicago June 21.

For this reason the delegation should be unconstructed and unbiased, composed of men in whose wise discretion the party may safely vest its authority.

The time for holding our state convention to select delegates is not important, but there is no occasion for haste about it.

BOYD WILL HAVE HIS SEAT.

The United States supreme court handed down a decision yesterday in favor of Boyd in the gubernatorial contest in Nebraska.

One effect of this decision will be the exercise of more caution in commencing contests of this sort; and another effect will be like caution on the part of candidates in looking up their qualifications.

This work of arranging for the National Mining congress to be held in this city next summer is well under way.

charge of the arrangements are enthusiastic and loyal Montanians, who know how to make a success of the undertaking.

For some curious reason the republican papers in this state have most persistently avoided any reference to the filling of the judicial vacancy caused by the death of Judge Sawyer.

In four separate instances the present administration has averted impending war by sagacious and skillful diplomacy.

Yes, but the tariff war cannot be avoided, though Mr. Blaine would like to declare truce by raising his reciprocity white flag.

Before the year is over Helena and Castle will be connected by bands of iron.

If Senator Stanford expects to run for president on the Farmers' alliance ticket, he should send out an army of retainers to bring the alliance leaders together.

The Harrison head, which crawled from under the hat during the Chilean excitement, has dropped back again to remain until the Minneapolis convention.

Why not send old Blair to succeed Egan in Chili? One speech would be sufficient to send those hot-blooded southerners into much needed rest.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

There are 1,125 characters in the twenty-four books that Charles Dickens wrote.

The good people of Gloucester, England, took much pleasure a week ago in seeing the bishop, aged 78, appear with his skates and indulge in an afternoon's display of his proficiency, which is very great.

The only Turkish poetess is supposed to be Osman Pusula's daughter, a rich young woman who lives in a white marble palace overlooking the Bosphorus and dines in a conservatory from a service of gold.

An idea of the load Senator Plumb carried on his shoulders is given in the simple statement of the fact that there are now pending in the pension office more than 6,000 claims for Kansas, which were filed and pushed forward by Senator Plumb.

Chicago manufacturers are discovering that crude petroleum, as a substitute for soft coal in their furnaces, is cheaper and cleaner and produces no smoke.

"Prof. F. Nicholls Crouch, who composed the music for many famous songs, but for some more famous than 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' is a veteran of 83 years."

"According to foreign papers which I have just received from the other side of the water," says the Marquis de Fontenay in the New York Recorder.

The Philadelphia Inquirer tells this story about Henry Watterston, of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

Kate Field tells her Washington about her first visit to John Brown's old home, up in the North woods, some time ago.

And then Watterston answered the son, and then Watterston answered the question addressed to him.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, widow of the late fearless but ill-fated General Custer, is herself a brave, self-reliant, forceful personage.

and writes of her black gown; a woman with a remarkable erectness of carriage, a precious cordiality and sincerity of manner, a rare tact and peculiar straightforwardness of address.

Blaine Tells a Story on His Health.

Blaine told a good story to-day "to a prominent citizen, who, for certain reasons, does not want his name mentioned," illustrative of the sensational reports of his sickness which are going about the country.

"I beg pardon, but I am curious to know what you have got in that box. What is it?"

"Oh, I don't want to tell," replied the man.

"Well, let me look in," said the naturalist.

"I'm afraid to," replied the stranger; "it might get all over the boat."

"Yes, kills everything." Then the man peeped in again. Growing more curious, the naturalist begged him to tell its name.

"What do you feed it on?" inquired the naturalist.

"Snakes, sir; plain snakes."

"Oh, that won't do," interrupted the naturalist; "you can't feed a beast on imaginary snakes!"

"Well, the fact is," said the man, opening the box and blowing in it, "don't give it away, but this is an imaginary kill-ma-roo."

THE MONTANA CADETSHIP.

The successful candidate for the West Point cadetship and his alternate will have to report for the preliminary examination at Fort Keogh, Mont., on March 1, 1892.

After the examination at Fort Keogh before a board of army officers, the successful candidate will be admitted to the military academy without further examination upon reporting in person to the superintendent at West Point before noon on June 16.

No New Express Company.] PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 2.—Pennsylvania railway officials emphatically deny the publication of a story relative to the establishment of a new express company.

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