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THE WEATHER.

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If you did not contribute to the fund for restoring the little blind girl's sight do it to-day.

There will be a great deal of talk at the monetary conference which, however, will not affect the price of silver.

If your head does not feel quite right this morning apply for an office and have the swelling taken out later.

The world moves along in the same old rut after all. Carter Harrison announces himself as a candidate for the mayoralty of Chicago.

The heavy fall of snow should suggest to the city authorities the necessity of preparing for a sudden thaw and a flood from the gulches.

Mr. CLEVELAND has had nothing to say about silver since the election, but he may be depended upon to sign a free silver bill passed by both houses.

GROVER CLEVELAND has gone on a hunting trip to avoid office hunters. Before returning he may wish he had carried a portable barbed wire fence with him.

It is again rumored that tin exists in paying quantities in the Black Hills. Nobody cares now that the people of the country have decided not to pay for the development.

The fight between Mrs. Lense and Jerry Simpson for the Kansas senatorship grows interesting. May the best man—or rather the most masculine one of the two—win.

A LIBERTY newspaper discussion in the east concerns the question of whether Mr. Cleveland really said "damna" at a recent banquet in New York. One thing is certain, if he did say it, he meant it.

HELENA was forced to forego the pleasures of that modern Thanksgiving innovation, the foot-ball game. In lieu of this, she anticipates during the coming six weeks a senatorial shindy game that will furnish fun for everybody.

THE Hon. Richard P. Bland, with burnished armor and sharpened javelin, will again be leading the silver hosts this winter. Over in the senate Stewart will be found in like position and will be ably championed by a democratic senator from Montana.

To-day, in Helena, the sense of gratitude ought to be quickened by the reflection that one more Thanksgiving anniversary will pass before the people fix the seat of government in Anacosta. — Anacosta Standard.

That will be the longest Thanksgiving ever known in Montana.

Mr. McKinley says the party should make another fight under the same commanders and on the same lines. This is magnificent, but it is not politics. — St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Some allowance should be made for McKinley. He is still suffering from incipient election paralysis.

ATTENTION is called to a communication from Mr. Edwin C. Russell in another column concerning the consolidation of state educational institutions. Mr. Russell was the first to favor this plan in a letter to THE INDEPENDENT two years ago and is one of its most energetic supporters.

HELENA enjoyed a white Thanksgiving yesterday. It was a real winter day. The air was crisp, the sky was clear and the sleigh bells were ringing from morning until night. The day was passed quietly in family circles, and, so far as is learned, all were thankful and happy, a condition enjoyed by the people of Helena every day in the year.

The latest scandal in the Panama canal scheme seems but another phase of the same old scandal. It is all a sad tragedy of misdirected enterprise. In France it is a chapter of wrecked fortunes, faded hopes, thefts and suicides, and on the Isthmus a trail of sunken graves and ruined machinery. It looks now as though the end had come and the story all but finished.

OVER in North Dakota there is some talk of a combination of republicans and democrats for the election of a United States senator. On general principles this is always a worthy object, though in this instance approval can scarcely be given to the methods. Democrats are sent to a legislature to represent a democratic majority of their constituents, and republican legislators are elected to represent republican majorities. They should be true to their principles. It is different with popu-

lists, fusionists and third party people in general who will draw support from all quarters. They are placed in the position of free lances. The Dakota plan, if carried out, will be almost without precedent in the history of American politics.

A WORD OF WARNING.

A bit of gossip interesting at this time, is gleaned from yesterday's Standard. That newspaper says that several republican leaders have been quietly planning to steal the legislature and that the scheme was promptly repudiated by republican leaders in Butte.

We do not know the value of the authority, for this news is wholly new to us. We do know, however, that the scheme don't go this year. There will be no more thefts of legislatures in Montana and don't you forget it. More than this, the next United States senator from Montana will be a democrat.

The people of this state had something to say this fall in the choice of the legislature, and they will have more to say if any attempts are made to steal it. There is no occasion of alarm, but from the light of past events, it is well to keep these things in mind.

KEEP YOUR TEMPER.

The customarily amiable and even prosaic temperament of our neighbor, the Herald, is rudely disturbed over the election returns from Choteau county. It is as nervous as an eel in a tin pail. It grows hysterical in a swift flight of anger, vituperation and satire, and even loses the question at issue in a sea of emotions.

From all the facts at hand, it appears that the county canvassing board of Choteau county threw out the Box Elder precinct because of gross frauds in the election, one feature of which was the voting of a large number of half-breeds. The details of the affair are not yet reported, and it is perhaps better to postpone a critical newspaper discussion until all the facts are submitted. Two of the commissioners are republicans, and it is, therefore, all the more surprising to read of "outrages," "calls for the constable and the penitentiary," etc., in the esteemed Herald. A careful reading of that newspaper for two years would lead one to believe that republicans were altogether too immaculate in character for such work.

The point which the Herald endeavors to make is that county canvassers cannot go behind the returns, that their duty is to simply tabulate the returns and retire. We believe that at an election held in Montana within the memory of the present generation, a certain precinct numbered thirty-four was thrown out by a canvassing board. The democratic view at that time was very much like the Herald's in this instance. Three learned judges of the Montana supreme court decided, in an elaborate opinion by Mr. Justice Harwood, Blake, C. J., and DeWitt, J., concurring, that the democrats were wrong and the Silver Dow canvassing board right. This opinion is likely to stand as a judicial precedent in Montana despite the esteemed Herald's horror over the action of the action of the Choteau county republican canvassers in following this authority.

That part of the Herald's diatribe which merits the severest criticism is its singling out of Marcus Daly for an underhand attack. In the first place there is absolutely nothing to show that Mr. Daly had even the remotest connection with the action of the Choteau commissioners, which, indeed, seems to have been entirely legal. In the second place we have yet to hear of a dishonorable act in Mr. Daly's public or private career. He is a hard fighter in politics as the republicans well know, but no man ever accused him of trying to subvert the results of an honest expression of opinion or turning the result of one honest vote. Any manumation to the contrary is a criminal libel. The Herald should show facts before it makes reckless attacks on individuals or accusations of fraud on the part of the Choteau commissioners.

We do not know M. Caligula, Jr., but if his character resembles that of his famous Roman namesake we will name a half dozen Montana republicans who, to quote a popular vulgarism, are "dead ringers" for him.

THE WATER IS ALL RIGHT.

Our esteemed contemporary, established somewhere in the snow drifts along Warm Spring creek, will never be satisfied about Helena's water supply until the people of this town are forced to run a pipe line to Anacosta. This would be a matter of exceeding regret to our people if they did not have that reputation for extreme selfishness which the Anacosta Standard has so generously accorded to them. As it is, they are inclined to worry along and let Anacosta alone suffer from the alleged lack of water in this city. If the Anacosta third can stand it, Helena can.

The Standard's suggestion that Helena needs less capital and more water is exactly what we would expect from that section of the woods. It is this ambition that causes the real worryment to our Anacosta neighbors. They got a very fair idea of the breadth of it in the last election, and two years from now they will find that, like all other Helena ambitions, it never quits until crowned with victory.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

The bound volume of Harper's Young People for 1892, which is just ready for publication, is fully equal to its predecessors in the beauty, value, and variety of its contents. Among its contributors are such well known writers as W. D. Howells, Thomas Nelson Page, Capt. Charles King, Kirk Munroe, Margaret E. Sangster, Howard Pyle, Harriet Prescott Spofford, Charles Carleton Coffin and many others. The illustrations are numerous and beautiful. As a holiday gift book for boys and girls it is unsurpassed.

The November number of the New England Magazine is a Whittier number. The frontispiece is from a rare photograph of the poet taken about 1855, and the opening article taken the reader in and about the New England country, which inspired so much of Whittier's poetry, and is so associated with him as a man. It is by Wil-

liam Sloane Kennedy, whose monograph of Whittier was so well received. Another article deals with Whittier as poet and man, and is by Frances C. Sparhawk. Allen Eastman Cross contributes a fine poem, "The Passing of Whittier." Mr. Edwin D. Mead, the chief editor of the magazine, deals with Whittier's life, work and influence in his Editor's Table. The articles are finely illustrated throughout.

The Christmas number of Scribner's Magazine is made notable by the great richness and variety of its illustrations, including a novelty in magazine pictures—a colored frontispiece—reproducing in facsimile the rich effect of a water color painting, made for this magazine by L. Marchie. The literary quality of the number is indicated by the distinguished list of contributors, including such names as Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Archibald Forbes, George W. Cable, Frank D. Millet, H. H. Boyesen, Octave Thanet, George A. Hibbard, Will H. Low and Kanyon Cox. The articles present a taking group on certain phases of modern art, bringing in the same number a discussion of French wall paintings, American decorative art at the World's Fair, Norwegian painters of the present day, and a discussion of "Why We Paint the Nude," by two eminent American artists, with a full page picture by each to illustrate the text. These art articles bring together wonderful reproductions, in black and white, of original paintings by Baudry, Louis de Chavannes, Laurens, and Cabanel among Frenchmen; Hans Dahl, Arbo, and Hansen among the Norwegians; Reinhardt Weir, Shirlew, Blashfield, Beckwith, and Dodge among Americans. It is peculiarly appropriate that Frank D. Millet, the director in charge, should write the article on Decoration at the World's Fair, that H. H. Boyesen should write of the painters of his native country, Norway, and that Will H. Low, whose education and sympathies are with French art, should discuss modern French mural painting.

The fiction of the number is remarkably bright and happy in tone, and full of delicate sentiment. It represents a wide choice of subject and background. "For the Cross," by George I. Putnam, is a Christmas story of soldier life on the plains; "An Assisted Providence," by Octave Thanet, has for its background that delightful western town which has been the setting for her recent series of stories; George W. Cable tells the true story of a slave insurrection on a tropical island—a wonderful bit of color in words.

"A Review of the Systems of Ethics Founded on the Theories of Evolution," by C. M. Williams, soon to be issued by Macmillan & Co., is one of the more important books of the year and one which is distinctly needed. The work is a substantial volume of over 500 pages divided into two parts of nearly equal length, of which the first is historical, giving in detail the position of each of the prominent writers of evolutionary ethics; while the second or constructive portion presents the combined results of such independent investigations in chapters dealing with the concepts of evolution; intelligence and "mind"; thought, feeling, and will; egoism and altruism; conscience and the moral progress of the race; the ideal and the way of its attainment.

The Delicacy of Measuring Instruments. The adjustment of measuring instruments has been brought to a point of such accuracy as to give almost incredible results. Scales are now made that will weigh the flame of a candle or the smallest strand of hair plucked from the eyebrow. These scales are triumphs of mechanism, and are enclosed in glass cases, as the slightest breath of air would impair their records. The glass cases have a sliding door, and as soon as the weight is placed in the balance the door slides down. The balances are cleared again and made ready for further use by the pressing of a button, which slightly raises the beams. Two pieces of paper of equal weight can be placed in the scales, and an autograph written in pencil on either piece will cause the other side to ascend and the needle, which indicates the divisions of weight even to the ten millionth part of a pound and less, will move from its perpendicular. A signature containing nine letters has been weighed and proved to be exactly two milligrammes, or the fifteen thousand five hundredth part of an ounce troy.

Diet of Business Men.

A food journal advises business men to diet themselves so as to be able to do the maximum work between the lunch hour and evening, and not to work for a few minutes after eating. Such food as plain soups, cold chicken, milk, drunk slowly, cresses, lettuce, rice, rice pudding, sandwiches, beef or lamb, bread and butter will be amply nutritive, and yet so readily assimilated that brain work will not interfere with their digestion. Alcohol in any form should not be taken by brain workers, and pastry and ice cream should be avoided. Fifteen minutes should be spent in light reading or conversation before severe mental labor is begun. A light cigar immediately after lunch aids digestion. It is in the evening, when the work of the day is done, that a substantial meal should be taken.

Edison's Latest Scheme.

Photography of the heavens has revealed stars invisible to the naked eye or through the telescope, and now Mr. Edison is thinking of a phonograph to catch sounds unheard by the human ear. Once captured by the wax cylinders of the phonograph these sounds will be returned to the listener intensified to a degree sufficient to make them easily audible. In the matter of inventions it is a curious fact that Prof. Bell's latest device of importance, the "waterphone," for locating leaks in water pipes, was suggested to him by observing a plumber's apprentice endeavoring to find a leak by means of a small steel rod which he held in his mouth and touched against the pipe.—New York World.

Now Awaiting Trial.

Among the prisoners now in jail in the United States under the charge of homicide there are ten clergymen, fifteen physicians, eight dentists, seven lawyers, twenty teachers, two planters, fifteen stock raisers, ten cattle traders, thirty-one merchants, eight contractors, thirteen druggists, four grocers, four real estate brokers, five livery stable keepers, twelve millers, six brewers, ten hotel keepers, twenty-eight saloon keepers. Of the entire number nearly one-third were foreign born or of foreign parentage.

Salvation Army Council Over.

New York, Nov. 24.—The Salvation Army concluded its annual session last evening by consecration exercises. Commander Booth made an address at a council of officers in the afternoon in which he said he wished the public to understand that the Salvation Army is in no way hostile to the churches. It was not a church, and he hoped it would never become one. It was simply a military body organized with the object of teaching the masses. The general council officers will remain in the city a few days before finally adjourning.

Billy Mahan Knocked Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 24.—Jim Burge, of Australia, last night defeated Billy Mahan, of San Francisco, at the Palo Alto club, in twenty-six rounds, for a purse of \$200.

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