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

THE WEATHER. Reported for THE INDEPENDENT daily by E. J. Glass, United States observer.

THE next United States senator from Montana may be a democrat.

A FEW new counties, but not too many new counties! Draw the line somewhere.

THE Montana winter came late, but it starts off in a way to indicate that it will strike a pretty good average.

MR. LOCKEY'S bill exempting certain property from taxation contains one particularly good feature—that which exempts from tax the property of widows and orphan children...

THE biggest man in the new administration, if he does his duty fearlessly, will be the commissioner of pensions. In purging the pension rolls, and eliminating the dead beats and camp followers...

SANDERS is holding on to that caucus nomination with remarkable tenacity. He evidently anticipates that democratic folly will give the appointment of a senator to Governor Rickards...

If the democrats elect two more United States senators they will have a clear majority in the senate after March 4. It looks as if they would get them, but the democrats of Montana may fall down and lose the fight...

REPRESENTATIVE BECKER publicly stated his position in the house of representatives yesterday. He will vote for any democrat for United States senator when his vote will elect him.

THAT able republican organ, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, declares that "Attorney General Miller would be the worst possible selection that the president could make for the supreme bench."

PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND gives notice that he will retire to Lakewood and burn his bridges behind him. All letters will be sent to his office in New York...

It probably never occurred to anybody to inquire, during the benedict and useful life of Phillips Brooks, what the great preacher was worth in dollars and cents.

As usual the republican party in congress opposes the admission of new territories which may become democratic states. They are willing to take in New Mexico, which will be democratic...

PRESIDENT HARRISON, it is reported, intends to appoint a republican to the supreme bench to succeed Justice Lamar, on the ground that he wants to save the country from the appointment of a states rights democrat.

appointments, and by an overwhelming majority expressed their willingness to have Mr. Cleveland undertake that work. Mr. Harrison wants to appoint a republican to the bench, no doubt, simply because he is a republican.

The democrats of California, who made such a gallant fight last fall, are doing what the democrats in Montana ought to do—getting ready for the campaign of 1894. The state committee is looking after the affairs of each county.

A SPECIAL edition of the Puget Sound Lumberman, which has just been issued, is a very valuable number to those interested in the statistics of the great lumber interest. It shows by carefully compiled figures that the state of Washington contains 410,333,333,000 feet of standing timber...

SHOULD voters be compelled to vote? Over in Belgium the constitution makers seem to think so. A provision has been inserted in the new constitution of that country requiring every voter to cast his ballot at the elections.

A BLAZE ON MAIN STREET.

The Flames Went Upward While the Mercury Traveled Downward. Fire started in the rear of the former Bodega restaurant on north Main street shortly after eight o'clock last night...

And the Secretary to the State. New York, Jan. 29.—The Catholic News cable from a Rome correspondent says: "Mr. S. Barretti has been appointed and Rev. Hector Rossi secretary to the Holy See."

ANSWER TO B. F. SHUART

His Objections to the Huffman Water Commission Bill Considered in Detail.

Wiser to Point Out Its Faults Than Try to Defeat It Entirely.

Remedies That are Suggested for the Things Which Were Made the Subject of Criticism.

To THE INDEPENDENT: I have carefully read the letter of Mr. B. F. Shuart in your issue of the 26th inst., containing the water-commission bill of Mr. Huffman, and while I agree with him that the bill is objectionable, I do not agree with him that the objections are insuperable.

I take it that Mr. Shuart and the people of the state do not wish to see the control of the water pass into the hands of private individuals or private corporations, for it is well known that there would be a class of water-lords instead of land-lords who would dominate the state. But to avoid this the state must not quickly or lightly lose her rights to the extent that the retaining of them will be very costly.

Mr. Shuart's criticism of the bill is in many respects correct, but it is not too much to say that Montana's efforts in this direction must be in the nature of an experiment, because the results of similar efforts on the part of other states have not been so successful as anticipated.

Mr. Shuart criticizes the bill because it does not state how the bonds to be issued in connection with the water commission are to be guaranteed.

Mr. Shuart objects to this bill or system in its extent, even as it is, because it is in his opinion, a very great danger to the state. He is pursuing apparently two lines in his objection. The first is that the title to the lands are still in the general government and that there will be no market for the water, being in the hands of the general government.

A minute objection presented by Mr. Shuart is that the water rights granted by the Northern Pacific railroad will be greatly increased in value at the expense of the people. This is admitted, but it is a mistake which cannot be avoided.

Notice. Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the incorporators of the Montana Journal company, to be held on Thursday, Feb. 2, 1893, at four o'clock p. m., at the office of the company No. 10 Edwards street, Helena, Montana.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

A fourth interest in the A. Lincoln lode near Read's ranch has been sold to H. E. Clowes by George McGurney for \$50.

The ladies of the Degree of Hymn will meet at the A. O. U. W. hall on one o'clock to-day from there will proceed to the Odd Fellows hall.

There will be a regular meeting of Ivy Lodge No. 24, Knights of Pythias, this evening at eight p. m. Work in the first rank.

Members of Excelsior Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at Odd Fellows hall to-day at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of William Gehlbach.

Notices of the location of the following lodes were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday: Monitor, Stemple district by H. E. Clowes; Clara Barton, by Lincoln and H. E. Clowes; near Read's ranch by George McGurney.

The Lewistown Electric Light and Power company filed its certificate of incorporation with the secretary of state yesterday. Operations will be carried on at Lewistown.

Helena people will probably remember Mrs. A. M. Hough, who lived in Helena several years ago, in what is known as the Methuener case, who was a sister of Jay Gould, and under his will she was to receive \$25,000 in cash and \$2,000 a year. She is the wife of a retired Methodist minister.

Elder J. W. West will give his last sermon in Helena on Saturday night next, and will start for the east Wednesday to attend the general conference of the Seventh Day Adventists, which will be held at Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 10 to 15.

PERSONAL. Mr. Seth Williams, who has been with T. H. Cleveland for some time, leaves Spokane in a few days to engage in the book and stationery business there.

M. Cohen, for Kansas City, G. W. Edwards, for Earlham, Ia., and G. B. Cornish, for Highland, Kan., were among the departures via the Union Pacific yesterday.

Editor Hall, of the Valley County News, was very busy yesterday. He has been in Helena for several days in the interest of the Valley county bill, and after doing some good work in behalf of the measure had the satisfaction yesterday of seeing it go through the senate.

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CITY DRUG STORE

Corner Main and State Streets. Manufacturing Department the Largest in the State. We manufacture: MEYER'S SARSAPARILLA, the best and strongest on the market. Try it. Price 50c and \$1 per bottle.

The beautiful young emotional actress Carolyn Gage. And her company of players in the area. New York successes.

Have made arrangements with the manufacturers of the Remington Standard Typewriter to use their machines exclusively at the World's Fair, and several hundred machines will be placed at various points with competent stenographers...

The government at Washington is the largest user of Typewriters, and four-fifths of the machines in the various departments are Remington machines.

The people of Montana are beginning to appreciate the fact that the Remington is the machine to stay with, and over 40 machines have been placed by the Helena Book & Stationery Co. during the past six weeks.

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A Protest From Our Competitors. It is no use to protest, however. We say the Diamond Brand of Patent Flour, manufactured solely from pure Hard Wheat, by the North Dakota Milling Company, at Grand Forks, North Dakota, is the best Flour in the market, and we are prepared to back it.