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THE WEATHER. Reported for The Independent daily by J. M. Thurber, United States observer. Barometer 30.00 (p. m.) 30.20 (a. m.) Temperature 58.0 54.0 Wind S.W. 3 S.W. 15 Maximum temperature 57.5 Minimum temperature 32.0 Local forecast for Helena: Fair, stationary temperature. Helena, April 5, 1894.

The best test of real party strength is found in the total vote of the city for aldermen on Monday. The democrats gave their seven candidates 1,337 votes; the seven republicans polled 1,191 votes; and the populists gave their six men 551 votes. In the second ward the populists made no nomination.

The fight of the Anaconda Copper company, an alien corporation, whose owners have grown rich out of the people of this state, against the income tax feature of the tariff bill is a piece of characteristic impudence which will not escape the condemnation of the tax-paying citizens of Montana. The new law is proposed in order to compel just such tax-dodging concerns to pay their proper share toward the maintenance of government. If the boss of the works knew when he was well off he would suppress the attacks of his organ on this measure which has the endorsement of an overwhelming majority of the people of this state.

On the second page of the esteemed Helena Herald of Thursday evening we find this brilliant bit of wisdom: "The democratic house could not muster enough votes yesterday to pass the seigniorage bill over the president's veto. Grover's lead pipe cinch on congress has not weakened in the least."

On the first page of the same paper in which the above paragraph appeared the following news paragraph was printed: "A vote was taken on the motion to pass the (seigniorage) bill, the president's objections to the contrary notwithstanding." The vote at the end of the first roll-call stood: yeas, 130; nays, 45; which was more than two-thirds necessary to pass it over the veto. The republicans did not vote. On the second vote the count stood: yeas, 144; nays, 116; not the necessary two-thirds. The republicans voted on the second roll-call.

According to the esteemed Herald's veracious news reports "the democratic house" did "muster enough votes to pass the seigniorage bill over the president's veto." But when the "republican house" voted the necessary votes to pass the bill over the veto were not forthcoming. Of 175 democratic votes 130, more than two-thirds, were for passing the bill over the veto.

The republicans were not even content to let the bill pass over the veto by refusing to vote at all, but must needs jump in and prevent that possibility by solidly voting against it. If the president has a "lead pipe cinch on congress" it is on the republican membership.

The Denver Times is on the right track. It says: "Dr. McIntyre's suggestion that arrangements should be made to hold great mass meetings throughout the east at which the doctrine of bimetalism shall be taught by orators of unquestioned ability and familiarity with the subject is a good one. The time is peculiarly auspicious for such a work. The people of the east are no longer so bitterly prejudiced against silver that they will listen to no argument in its behalf. They are ready and willing to be convinced. The history that has been made since the repeal of the Sherman law has shown beyond question that the continued domination of gold monometallism means ultimate ruin to the country. This is not the time for the friends of silver to fight among themselves in the interests of party politics. The friends of bimetalism in all parties should combine against the common enemy while preserving their party organizations."

The idea is a good one but until prejudices against western silver men is further removed in the east, we would suggest that such meetings be addressed as far as possible by eastern speakers. In Chicago, St. Louis, New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and probably in other parts of the east, good speakers can be found to talk upon bimetalism from an entirely disinterested and scientific point of view. Such men as Dr. Andrews, of Brown university, who was a member of the international monetary conference, General Francis A. Walker and Charles Francis Adams, of Massachusetts, would command great audiences and carry conviction. A little more agitation along the right lines will lead to another international conference and by the time it meets, as Sir Morston Frewen said the other day, England will be ready to join with the other powers in establishing a world-wide bimetallic standard.

In the Forum for April Herbert Welsh, of Philadelphia, gives an interesting account of the recent conference for good city government held in that city. The conference originated several years ago in the efforts of citizens of Philadelphia to discover if possible, the evils acknowledged to be at the root of all our city governments, and to apply the remedy if one could be found. The growth of these evils in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other cities has been so rank, corruption has become so prevalent and election frauds so flagrant, that the late conference brought together an imposing gathering of men from various localities, men whose influence and ability command respect wherever they are known. Delegates were present from New York, Brooklyn, Chicago, Boston, Baltimore, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Albany, Buffalo and Columbia.

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In garbling extracts from an article in THE INDEPENDENT regarding the inducing of immigration to Montana the Anaconda Standard is guilty of journalism that is both dishonest and contemptible. It seeks to make it appear that this paper has expressed hostility to immigrants of the Scandinavian race. This is in direct contradiction to the spirit and sentiment of the article in question. THE INDEPENDENT was pointing out the desirability of securing settlers who would diffuse themselves among our own population rather than those who came in large bodies and formed separate colonies. It said: "Those who come in large companies usually form a community by themselves, have their own national customs, speak their own native languages, and show small disposition to mingle with us and to assimilate their lives and habits to those of our people. These people form peaceable, industrious and good communities, but they are not Americans. * * * There are many exceptions to these principles. Some Scandinavians mingle with us, adopt our customs and become fully Americanized."

This was all that was said touching that nationality. The rest of the article discussed the general subject of immigration and gave a general warning against foreigners of anarchistic tendencies, a class to which these northern races have contributed very few members.

But, of course, the Standard will continue to garble and misrepresent everything that is said or done in Helena. It seizes upon the reckless misstatements of republican partisans and press in the late municipal contest, as to the financial condition of the city; it rejoices in the defeat of the democratic nominee for mayor, and it jibes at us because the man it favored is a lawyer inexperienced in municipal management. It varies this programme by giving currency to some of the ill-adviced language of the committee of one hundred, and when those subjects are exhausted it will seize upon others.

But this town manages to get on very well in spite of the venomous hatred of the One Man and his costly organ. It is a going to lead them both a merry dance of it, and later on it will have the assistance of the people of this state in puncturing the Anaconda bubble.

NO FURTHER TROUBLE.

Sept. Corrier, of the Montana Central, on the Recent Strike at Butte.

In an interview regarding the late strike at Butte Superintendent Corrier, of the Montana Central railway, says that on the information he possesses the rumors of further strikes on the road are wholly without foundation, and that there are no causes for any. He says that the strike at Butte was hasty, ill-advised, and originated through misunderstandings and fears which in the conference between the men and himself were shown to be groundless, so much so to the satisfaction of every one that the probability of another occurrence of this kind is too remote to think of. He thinks the men in the service of the company are too loyal to the interests they serve to precipitate any action of this kind, and for the reason that the policy of the company toward its employees has not been changed, and as all grievances, imaginary or otherwise, have been heretofore amicably and rationally adjusted, if any exist now or in the future, the result will be the same.

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