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One thing is certain, there will be no general restoration of republicanism, and the populist craze is seeing its last days. It is only a question of time with democracy. It cannot be denied that it has been demoralized and discouraged within the last few months, but the dark days are over, prosperity is returning to our people and new hope is kindled in the breast of every member of that party to which the people confided power in 1892.

It is under these conditions that the democrats of Montana, with harmony in their counsels, and wisdom in their deliberations challenge their opponents to show cause why Montana should not place in the halls of congress, and upon the highest judicial tribunal in this state, clean and able exponents of democratic principles.

That is the meaning of yesterday's convention, the largest attended and most thoroughly representative gathering of democrats ever seen in the history of this state; that is the meaning of the clear and ringing declaration of democratic principles, the condemnation of republicanism, the repudiation of populism; that is the meaning of the nomination for congress of Hal Corbett, the "Missoula Cyclone," a democrat of democrats, as earnest as he is eloquent, a tariff reformer from the ground up, as fearless in his declaration of principles as he is forcible in stating them, a Kentuckian with a Montana horizon; that is the meaning of the nomination of that other sturdy and outspoken advocate of democracy, L. A. Luze, of Bozeman, lawyer, jurist and gentleman, for justice of the supreme court.

This is the work of a party that has other duty to perform than "just to keep up its organization," as its enemies say. It is the work of a party with a public service to perform, and with the brains, energy and capacity to perform it.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-four means fight! That is the message of the democrats of Montana to their opponents. Let Brother Hartman rouse up and gird himself for the greatest contest he has ever entered. Let Bob Smith prepare to meet a foe the like of whom he has never tackled. For the Missoula Cyclone is loose, and the democratic watchfires will be kindled on every hill.

Triumphant democracy is in the saddle! SOME OF THE REASONS. "Now," says the Anaconda Standard, "is the accepted time, if THE HELENA INDEPENDENT proposes to come to the front with any reasons why Butte should vote for Helena."

A DISAGREEABLE FREDICATION. If the Anaconda company should secure the state capital as its own possession what would be the fate of any officer or supreme court judge who had independence enough to kick over the traces and refuse to obey the commands of Daly? Compelled by law or convenience to make his residence at Anaconda, whom would he and his family have for associates if the displeasure of the corporation and its servants was incurred? So complete is the domination

phatically opposed to the location of the capital in a town which is owned and controlled by one corporation and in which the press, trade, commerce and public sentiment are under the dictation of men who are not residents of the state.

What does the Standard think of that proposition? Does the Miner tell the truth, or otherwise? Again the Miner says "that the selection of such a town as the seat of government would be a calamity no unbiased voter can deny, and that it is the duty of the people to prevent the consummation of what is known to be an attempt to subordinate public interests to the avarice of a dictatorial corporation, all must admit."

Is there anything in that which the Standard would like to reply to? And does not that contain sufficient reason why Butte should vote for Helena? Further on the Miner remarks that "the success of the Anaconda boomer would be an announcement to the world that Montana had become a political rotten borough in which true manhood was at a discount and cringing subserviency to corporate power at a premium."

How ANACONDA FOOLED THEM. The Anaconda Standard's struggle to get away from the stubborn facts relative to the capital campaign of two years ago in eastern and northern Montana, is recalled by THE INDEPENDENT. But it will do no good. Helena in that campaign—as now—dealt only in facts; while Anaconda then, and now, rested its cause upon misstatement, subterfuge and insincere promises.

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But the crucial test has been passed. Democratic principles, applied to the conduct of public affairs, have brought slow but sure betterment, and unless all signs fail the policies of the party are going to be confirmed and continued by the people of this country in November next.

OUR FUTURE SENATORS. Recent disclosures point unmistakably to the conclusion that Marcus Daly and Jim Hill have organized a combine to secure control of the state capital and all departments of the government for purposes which can easily be guessed by those acquainted with the personal characteristics of the two individuals.

While united on the general proposition, each is to occupy a separate sphere of action—what Daly mainly wants is first to put himself in a position to cut the throats of all his enemies. He intends to fill the shambles with the bloody corpses of all who have refused to obey his commands in politics or have interfered in any way with his business projects. Secondly, he intends to gratify to the fullest extent his love of power and domination by requiring all who approach his august presence to observe all the forms of humility and deference. Hill will give Daly full sway in this, reserving for himself, as the smartest schemer, the control of railroad and land monopolies. The offices will be divided. The Anaconda company will take half and the Great Northern railroad the other. Perhaps the two principals will retain the senatorships for themselves, as it would be easy for Hill to acquire a nominal residence in the state.

They are permitting a number of aspiring political leaders to imagine themselves in the race, but if the legislature assembles in the ante-room of the Anaconda company's smelter there could be no doubt as to the result.

A REGULAR DEAD-FALL. If the Marcus Daly and Jim Hill combine succeeds in fooling the voters of Montana into giving them the capital, what a gorge of corporation power would witness!

A man going to the new capital would have to travel on Jim Hill's railroad at seven cents a mile, stop in Marcus Daly's hotel, eat bread and meat from the Daly shops, read the corporation newspaper, and see its trade mark on every article purchased or used. If while there a strike or accident occurred on the single switch track connecting the town with civilization, the victor, to get home, would have to hire a horse from the Anaconda company's stables at undeviating tariff made to suit the occasion. The public buildings would be erected by contractors under corporation influence, and use only stone blasted from quarries, brick from yards, and lumber from mills operated by the same power. It is easy to guess at the extent of the "rake-off" which the taxpayers would have to stand. Daly would have more than one way to get the expenses of his campaign back!

A THOUSAND TIMES, "NO." Should the people of Montana surrender to a corporation which seeks to control legislation and fasten a system of political slavery upon the present and future generations? That is the question to be answered on Nov. 6, and it will be answered from glen and valley, hill and plain—from farm and vale and mountain side with the vigorous "No" of an aroused patriot and unyielding pride.

As to Fort Missoula, Missoula. The disappointments suffered during the recent visit of First Assistant Secretary of War Joseph B. Doe by certain Anaconda boomers, who have been busy with the story concerning the alleged abandonment

of Fort Missoula and other state posts must have been indeed. Mr. Doe was asked by one reporter, was told, a direct question as to the truth of the report, to which he replied in a manner quite as direct: "There is no proposition to remove the post at present," then adding, "if it comes, it will be a great deal later." There was small comfort in this for the Anaconda people.

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COUNTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE. Donald Bradford Chairman and Other Officers Elected. The democratic county central committee met and organized yesterday. Daniel Hanley, chairman of the old committee, and a member of the present one, stated that his name had been used in connection with the chairmanship this year. He said he positively declined to be a candidate. He nominated Donald Bradford for chairman of the central committee and Mr. Bradford was elected unanimously. J. P. Schmit was elected vice-chairman, and Albert I. Loeb and C. W. Burton secretaries.

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