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HELENA, MONT., Dec. 3, 1894. Montanians abroad will always find The Daily Independent on file at their favorite hotels.

NOTICE. A. A. Campbell is the only authorized traveling agent of this paper.

THE WEATHER. Reported for The Independent by R. M. Crawford, United States observer.

Barometer 30.53 3 p.m. 30.49 Temperature 15.0 21.4 Wind SW-3 SW-3 Maximum temperature, 25.4 Minimum temperature, 13.

THOSE SENATORS. The esteemed Phillipsburg Call contains the following interesting announcement: "H. S. Blanchard was in the city from Helena Monday, working up Gov. Rickards' candidacy for the United States senatorship."

This seems to bear out the theory of some that there is another combination in sight, to-wit: Hon. Lee Mantle, of Butte, for the west side senatorship and Hon. John Ezra Rickards, of Butte, for the east side senatorship.

PARK ROADWAYS. All visitors to the Yellowstone National park who have seen the fine pieces of road building there, and the alternating stretches of bad roads in need of repair, will be glad to know that Secretary Lamont, in his annual report, shows an intelligent interest in these driveways in the national pleasure ground.

"The immediate needs," he says, "are the repair of existing roads, involving an outlay next season estimated at \$15,000, and the completion of certain stretches of road to connect finished sections, the estimate for which is \$37,000. With this done the future policy of the government as to the park improvement should be definitely determined, and a thoroughly matured and fixed plan adopted before any new work is undertaken."

According to the report the cost of improvements and maintenance of the park to date has been \$548,917. The total mileage of roadways completed or opened to travel is 232, but about ninety miles of this is little more than a clearing through the forest, slightly graded, along which vehicles can pass.

Undoubtedly the wisest and most economical policy for the government would be to complete all the roads in the best manner that engineering skill can suggest. After that they could be kept in order at a very small annual outlay.

ARMY DISTRIBUTION. Secretary Lamont, like his predecessors, strongly favors the policy of concentrating the army at fewer posts, although he drops this bit of suggestion to congressmen who are introducing bills for new posts in their several districts:

"It is respectfully urged that the establishment of new military posts by congress in response to the appeals of local interest is likely to disturb a distribution of the army which aims to secure with the small force under arms the highest efficiency and the fullest protection for the greatest extent of territory, and that the ambitions of localities should not be favored by legislation at the expense of the general welfare."

However, the secretary argues forcibly for concentration at focal points whence troops may be quickly mobilized. On this subject he says: "The policy of concentrating troops and abandoning unnecessary posts has been prosecuted throughout the year.

Where practicable small garrisons, remote from railroads, whose future retention has become unnecessary by a change of conditions, have been consolidated with garrisons at more important centers, thus reducing the cost of maintenance and transportation and utilizing improved facilities for the prompt dispatch of troops to any point where their services may be required.

In the past year the number of posts have been reduced from ninety-five to eighty and a still further reduction is proposed. Ten of the twenty-five regiments of infantry have been concentrated at single posts. Sixteen garrisons now exceed in strength a full regiment of infantry, and twenty-two others consist of from four to seven companies each.

In adversity or in prosperity, in the balmy breezes of popular favor or in the threatening gales of hostile clamor, your Uncle Grover is always an interesting personality, and his message to congress to-day will be read by all who follow the discussions of public questions. What the president has to say at this time will appear in to-morrow's Independent.

All the democrats of Missouri—and there are a lot of them back in the woods yet—are for Uncle Dick Bland for the next governor of Missouri. And he will carry the old state by one of the biggest majorities that it ever gave to any candidate.

Hon. T. J. Lynde is in the city, preceded a day or two by Col. Bradshaw, and preceding by a day or two Major Alderson. The story boom is off the snags and right in the middle of the current.

Tally one for the Warhorse! He is the first choice of Representative-Elect Rombauer, of Granite, for United States senator. Mr. Rombauer's list is Sanders and Mantle.

A SOLID INSTITUTION.

Press Comment on the Consolidation of the First and the Helena. Butte Miner. The Miner extends hearty congratulations to President Hauser, Vice President and General Manager Edgerton and Cashier Cope of the Consolidated bank of Helena, which represents the combined strength of the First National and the Helena National banks of that city.

Butte Inter Mountain. It has remained for a Butte man, Mr. A. J. Davis, to pull the First National bank of Helena out of the hole into which the repeal of the Sherman law and the introduction of the Wilson bill plunged it and compelled it to close its doors over a year ago.

The miner extends hearty congratulations to President Hauser, Vice President and General Manager Edgerton and Cashier Cope of the Consolidated bank of Helena, which represents the combined strength of the First National and the Helena National banks of that city.

THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Monday, Dec. 3, 1894. Then deem it not an idle thing A pleasant word to speak: The face you wear, the thought you bring, A heart may heal or break.

BREAKFAST. Hash. Apple Jelly. Raised Biscuit. Butter. Graham Griddle Cakes. Syrup. Coffee. DINNER. Beefsteak. Stewed Cabbage. Sweet Potatoes. Graham Gems. White Bread. Apple Pie. Cheese. Cracker. PUDDING. BUCKLE. Graham Mash. Cold Biscuit. Blackberries. Ginger Snaps. Chocolate.

Out Meal Crisp: Scald the oat meal with boiling water, stirring with a spoon, and make a pretty stiff dough; knead well together, dust the moulding board with a little graham flour, and roll thin; cut into small cakes, and bake in an oven fifteen or twenty minutes, or until they are dry and hard, but only slightly browned.

MELBA'S LINGERIE.

Melba, the exquisite! The great artist, the singer who has won the applause of two continents, the fashionable mondaine, Mme. Melba, is above all a dainty woman, who, like all other dainty women, glories in luxurious lingerie. It is as necessary to her as a harmonious entourage is essential to her musical success.



Madame Melba.

is beautiful she sees the ambition of some one to excel, and that is her own motto of life. A certain sympathy, therefore exists between the artist and her clothes—not merely the gratified feeling of possession.

From the top of her head to the tips of her toes, Mme. Melba is exquisitely attired. With her, softest of white India silk takes precedence over linen cambric. Her chemises are made of this clinging material, and are trimmed with finest of Valenciennes lace. Four dollars a yard is a moderate figure for her to pay for this. Near the left shoulder her monogram is embroidered in white silk, the only color appearing on these pretty little garments being the ribbon used to draw them close around her lovely shoulders.

Melba's undershirts are also of silk, and carry out the color scheme begun by her chemise and corset. They are lavishly trimmed with lace, and rustle in the most approved Parisian manner. This musical frou-frou pleases her.

Her shoes and slippers are not lacking in daintiness. These she gets in London from one of the swiftest bootmakers in Burlington Arcade.

The first are usually low, and the latter, while exceedingly plain, only the most diminutive bow ornamenting it, it is all that is refined in a slipper. Its size is No. 2—small for a little woman—exceedingly small for one of Melba's proportions. Ten inches is its length, from the outside of the heel (not the little Louis XV. wooden affair in the middle of the sole, but the heel proper), to the tip of the toe.

When at home, in Paris, Melba sleeps in a bed in which Marie Antoinette once reposed, an exquisite little affair, slender and delicate and draped with the finest lace and Trianon blue brocade.

Her coverlet is a wonderful piece of needlework, a solid piece of silk embroidery, mellow with all the soft color of the orient, pink that melts into the green-blue and yellow of sunset, dim gold and silver and warm white. It was a labor of love and took five years to complete.

A Critic and His Fad. To the Editor of the New York Times: I am puzzled by this headline in your paper: "Davis Will Case Cops Up in Boston." Who is Davis, and why is Davis determined to case him up? Do you suppose Cops will submit to it without a struggle? If I were he I would kick the case into kindling wood first.

Excursion Rates to California. The Northern Pacific railroad has placed on sale daily round trip tickets to California points, as follows: Helena to San Francisco and return, going via Spokane, Tacoma and Portland, and returning same way, \$75.

FOR SALE. 800 ACRES GOOD FARM LAND—1000 water right, 100 acres under fence, 1/2-acre strawberries, frame house 18x22, large log barn, one mile from East Helena, 5 1/2 miles from Helena. Will sell the whole or part. For further information enquire of J. T. CLARK, East Helena.

The Early Bird CATCHES THE WORM. And the early Christmas buyer gets the advantage of the people who put off their shopping till the last few days. Flexible Flyers. Hobby and Rocking Horses. Books, Books. Excelsior Dairies for 1895. Bibles and Prayer Books. Toys, Toys. Fine Stationery. Leather Goods. Closing Out. Playing Cards. HELENA BOOK & STATIONERY CO. 111 Main Street

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WE WILL BUY Any and All kinds of Furniture, Household Goods, Bookkeeping, Shorthand, Typewriting, Etc. CLARENCE J. JOHNSON, Architect and Superintendent 166 POWER BUILDING.

THE DRIVE --ON OUR-- \$7 TROUSERS. Is making quite a stir. Suppose you come in and get a pair. Overcoats \$30 Up. C. M. BITSCH, Merchant Tailor. Over N. P. Ticket Office.

Loeb & Bro. 35 SOUTH MAIN. 35. Thanksgiving day is nearly here. We should be thankful for the blessings received the past year, and especially because we have the permanent

CAPITAL. You will be thankful, too, when you see the large line of Fine Overcoats. That we are selling at Eastern prices—\$5, \$6, \$8, \$10 and \$12. "See?" Loeb & Bro. THE ONLY CASH CLOTHIERS IN HELENA. 35 SOUTH MAIN 35.