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

The cities with the best and cheapest water supply own their water works; the best lighted cities own their electric plants.

Helena bank clearings for the past week, \$75,496; Seattle, \$417,519; Spokane, \$279,345. There is business in old Montana yet.

The farmers' institutes of Montana are becoming important and useful gatherings and are destined to have a great influence for good on the future of our agriculture.

If Helena is to have a rapid growth it must offer the advantages of electric power and lights cheap, and abundant water. It must compete with other cities in these matters.

The New Year's Independent will not in any sense be a boom number. It will be a solid Montana edition, full of carefully revised statistics, trustworthy data and hard facts, with just enough descriptive matter to give an outside reader a clear idea of the country.

Whoever may be the next senators from Montana, let them be elected quickly. The republican majority is so great that this should be easily possible. It would be a great thing to settle the whole thing in a single day's polling and have the question off the minds of our legislators, that they may be free for other business.

Nothing would do more for the intellectual life of Helena than a well arranged course of university extension lectures by the foremost thinkers of the day. It should be possible in the near future to arrange such a course, and it can be carried out with proper co-operation on the part of our citizens.

Montana must face the irrigation problem and there is no better time than the present. Let our legislature grapple with this question in earnest. It is of more importance than many senatorships. Senators are but for a season, and irrigation systems for all time. Senators pass on and are forgotten; that which makes a state great and permanently prosperous is forever.

Tuesday's Independent will be one of the most widely circulated newspapers ever issued from a Montana newspaper office. Those of our people who are continually receiving inquiries in regard to the resources of our state and its capital will find that the New Year's number of The Independent will answer the questions that the prospective settlers and investors will naturally ask. It will be just the paper to send away. Those desiring any considerable number of extra copies should send in their orders not later than to-morrow.

The terrible Christmas night disaster at Silver Lake, Ore., where more than fifty persons lost their lives in a hail inadequately provided with exits, is only one of a series of similar calamities that have resulted from lack of human foresight or from sheer carelessness and indifference. There is hardly a town in the United States which does not possess one or more of these death traps in the shape of public halls.

Will people arouse to the fact that the construction of such buildings, with only a single exit in case of accident, is nothing less than criminal? Let us hope that the lesson of the awful disaster at Silver Lake will not be lost upon other communities.

The great stores in Chicago without exception report the best holiday trade in their history. Buyers were many and the aggregate of their purchases was enormous. New York did less business relatively than Chicago, but the volume of business in that city for the holiday week was considerably larger than last year.

Statistics from all over the country are encouraging for the future. There were a thousand less business failures in the United States in 1894 than in 1893, and the liabilities were nearly \$200,000,000 less. On the whole, the outlook for 1895 is bright. While it is not likely that we shall

have boom times all at once, it is unquestionably true that idle capital is only awaiting the opening of spring to seek investment. We believe that good times will come to the west more rapidly than to the east. The new regions of country with undeveloped resources have always been the first to experience a return to good times after a panic. Older communities, like old people, recover less quickly from a setback than young ones.

Require all candidates for office and all political committees to file for publication detailed sworn statements of their expenditures; restrict the expenses of candidates and committees to the barest necessities; use the man who takes a bribe as a witness against the bribe-giver and exempt such witness from punishment. Make it possible for honest, poor men to run successfully against rich knaves, and we shall have better laws and a clearer moral atmosphere. Give us the most stringent corrupt practices act that can be drawn—one without a loophole in it.

NECESSARY SOCIALISM. Labor Commissioner Wright, in speaking on the recent railroad strikes, says that while he opposes state socialism, it must be admitted that the exactions of corporations are rapidly driving the American people toward government ownership of the railroads and telegraphs and are urging municipalities toward the assumption of control over their water and lighting systems.

That is the unmistakable drift at the present time. We see it here in Helena in the discussion of our water supply problem. Doubtless a large majority of our people, if they could see their way clear under present financial conditions, would favor municipal ownership of the water supply and of our lighting systems as well. At the present time our people are at the mercy of two corporations which have an absolute monopoly of the field. How these monopolies are used is illustrated by the action of the electric company in the past day or two, in advancing its rates for power from 60 to 150 per cent at a single jump.

Of course, the consumer has no alternative but to submit to this exaction. But such arbitrary and sudden advance in the charges for power will discourage others from taking it, and will prevent the establishment here of shops and factories that desire to locate where cheap power can be obtained.

It is as certain as anything in the future can be that the city of Helena will soon have to secure such legislation as will enable it to own its water and gas and electric systems. The sooner this matter is taken in hand the better. The only way in which ultimate municipal ownership can be avoided will be for the city to enter into a long time contract that would secure power for lighting and manufacturing purposes from a company that would construct a dam across the Missouri river. Of course it would be necessary to guard such a contract very closely, to secure low rates for a long term of years with the privilege of renewal on the same conditions. The danger now is that even if a dam is built it may be controlled by a monopoly as exacting as those with which we are now compelled to deal.

THE BOOK TABLE. Under the title "The Making of the England of Elizabeth" Mr. Allen B. Hinds, B. A., Scholar of Christ Church, Oxford, discusses in a vivid and interesting manner one of the most important periods of English history. The work has been compiled almost exclusively from original materials and contemporary documents, and treats very fully the subjects of the troubles at Frankfurt and the French calix.

The January number of Godey's Magazine shows that this publication is surely and steadily approaching to the front rank of American magazines both in articles and literary work. This number contains a superb frontispiece by Newman; The Munger Collection of Pictures, with twenty-five magnificent illustrations; an article on Fair Women, with pictures of some of the most beautiful women in America; a ghost story, by Miss Mitchell; and besides these there are short stories and accounts of travel in Russia and Italy and Godey's Fashions.

The original drawings illustrating Peter Blotson and Trilly have been sold by Mr. George du Maurier for \$1,500—a single purchaser securing them all.

The relation which price bears to quality in literature is made obscure by the Christmas Cosmopolitan. Stories by Rudyard Kipling, Wm. Dean Howells, Mrs. Sumner Trask, Mrs. Burton Harrison, and Alphon W. Tourgee, are interspersed with poetry by Sir Edwin Arnold, Edmund Clarence Stedman, and James Whitcomb Riley, while through the number are scattered illustrations by such famous artists as Rembrandt, Toche, Reinhardt, Turner, Van Sebalk, Gibson, and Stevens. A series of portraits of beautiful women of society illustrate an article on the relations of photography to art; a travel article by Napoleon Ney, grandson of the famous Ney; one of the series of Great Passions of History, to which Froide and Gosse have already contributed, and half a dozen others equally interesting, so to make up the attractions of the number. The Cosmopolitan people say: "We might charge you more for the number, but, in all frankness, could we give you better material, better illustrated, if we charged you a dollar a copy?"

D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, have just issued Volkmann's Kleine Geschichten, four short and easy tales with notes and vocabulary by Dr. Wilhelm Bernhardt, director of German instruction in the high schools of Washington, D. C. These little tales are all interesting as well as excellent reading, and are edited for first year classes.

An exceedingly interesting series to be published by Swan Sonnenschein & Co., in England, and by Macmillan & Co. in America, is the Social England Series, edited by Kenneth D. Cotes, M. A., Oxon. The volumes already arranged for are: (1) Introduction to the Social History of England, by the editor; (2) Chivalry, by F. W. Cornish, vice-provost of Eaton; (3)

Troubadors and Courts of Love, by J. F. Rowbotham; (4) The Fine Arts, by Prof. G. Baldwin Brown; (5) The English Manor, by Prof. Vinogradoff; (6) Historical Sketch of the English Law Courts, by P. A. Iderwick, J. C.; (7) Evolution of Household Implements, by Henry Balfour; (8) The Pre-Elizabethan Drama: Mysteries and Miracle Plays, by Lucy Toulmin Smith. The first volume to appear will be that of Rowbotham on Troubadours and Courts of Love.

Margaret Sutton Briscoe contributes to Harper's Young People for Dec. 29th "A Christmas Play in Three Acts." The same issue of the Young People contains an article by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, in which he describes, in a style which will be understood and enjoyed by children, "A Day in the United States Senate." "Unexpected Rescuers" is the title of the leading short story, which recalls the old days of the slave trade between Africa and America; and the third instalment is given of Ellen Douglas Deland's exceedingly clever serial, "The Little Red Book."

Walter Pater's posthumous papers, which have been collected by one of his warmest personal friends, Mr. Shadwell, of Oriel college, are now in press and will be published very shortly by Macmillan & Co. under the title Greek Studies. They are said to possess all the charm that rendered Marius and Plato and Platonism a rare delight to thousands of readers, and they deal with all manner of attractive subjects, from a study of Dionysius and of the Bacchanals of Euripides to the myths of Demeter and Persephone.

"The Existing Income Tax Unconstitutional" is the title of an article contributed to the January number of The Forum by the Hon. David A. Wells, the well known economist.

Capt. Henry Kincaid, editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, has written a most interesting article for the January Forum on the "Pay and Rank of Journalists," telling what journalists are paid in the principal news centers of the United States, comparing journalism as a career with other careers, and briefly sketching the wonderful growth of newspapers in this country since their first beginning in 1839.

The frontispiece to Harper's Magazine for January (published Dec. 23) is an excellent portrait of the late count of Paris, drawn and engraved by Florian—an illustration of an article entitled "The Fortunes of the Bourbons." The second instalment of Mr. Thomas Hardy's new novel, "Hearts Inaugurated" (the continuation of "The Simpletons" under a new title), is the striking record of an episode in the life of the young Wessex hero, having the complete interest of an independent short story, though intimately connected with Jude Fawley's subsequent fortunes.

Mr. Julian Ralph contributes an important article on "Charleston and the Carolinas," with twenty-seven illustrations. This paper is the first of a popular series on the resources and development of the New South. The first chapters are given to "The Princess Aline," a three-part novelette, by Mr. Richard Harding Davis, illustrated by Mr. C. D. Gibson. The Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge contributes a paper entitled "Shakespeare's Americanisms," "Fujisan," by Mr. Alfred Parsons is illustrated from eighteen drawings of Japanese scenes, and is an article of marked interest and value at this time. Mr. Thomas A. Janvier gives another thrilling chapter of colonial maritime history, entitled "New York Slave Traders." In Lin McLean's Honey-moon "Mr. Owen Water" returns to the career of his favorite hero, Mr. Hamblet Sears, who contributes an article entitled "With the Hounds in France." In addition to the serial and short stories already mentioned, the number contains a "War Debt"—a tale of Virginia—by Miss Sarah Owen Jewett; "The Middle Hall," a sequel to "The Dividing Fence," by Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart; "Beyond," by Mrs. Katrina Trask, and a brief sketch by Mrs. Mary Jameson Judah, entitled "An Adventure of a Lady of Quality." "The Editor's Study," by Mr. Charles Dudley Warner, and "The Editor's Drawer," with an introductory short story by Mr. Hayden Carruth, illustrated by Mr. A. D. Frost, complete the number.

"Elder Conklin and Other Stories" is a new book by a new author, (Macmillan, \$1.25). Frank Harris has had journalistic experience as editor of the Fortnightly Review, and now he puts forth his first book. It has no preface and no dedication, the omission of which shows good sense. The book is interesting and the usual, prayerful send-off is not needed. And there is strength in it, so much of it that the usual patriotic literary saint will not be missed. Once started the reading of the title story, and you will be pretty likely to finish it. And when you have done you will stop to wonder how such an odd combination of character and circumstance ever came to be conceived, and why after it was conceived, the author stopped before he came to an ending. No moral is evident, no belief is expressed, there is just a story with the personality of the author completely hidden. None of the Brete Hart glamour is spread over these Kansas scenes. There is rather a vivid realism heightened in interest by the unexpected and the half-impossible. The figure of Elder Conklin—stout, determined, tender—is clearly modeled. His efforts for his daughter are indeed heroic in spite of dishonest gains, as he fancies, for her sake. Loo is the incarnation of lovely feminine anality even if she is vain and selfish. It is a work of genius to have pictured so vividly these two characters and to have placed them side by side. There is in a schoolmaster from Boston, a lawyer from Wichita, and Gen. Custer and the soldiers. The other stories are: The Sheriff and His Partner; A Modern Idyll; East's Crow; The Best Man in Garretts; Galtmore, the Bass. We shall hear more from Frank Harris.

THE HOUSEKEEPER. Sunday, Dec. 30, 1894. Oh! cold is winter's bitter wind; Stern sweep its storms the snowy waste along; Our hearts leap up with courage strong, We hold perpetual summer in our mind.

BREAKFAST. Fried Sliced Potatoes, Golden Eggs, Corn Rolls, White Bread, Butter, Baked Apples, Coffee.

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The cook who is provided with a stock pot, and uses it two or three times a week, can utilize all available scraps of meat and can have a supply of stock on hand from which an acceptable soup can be improvised in a short time and with very little trouble. The stock pot should not remain on the stove, but whenever a quantity of scraps accumulate, they should be carefully prepared and put to cook.

ON ITS OWN ACCOUNT.

The Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern Wants Separate Receivers. A bill was filed in the United States court yesterday, asking that a first mortgage for \$10,895,000 on the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern railway, now held by the American Loan and Trust company, of Boston, be foreclosed and that receivers be appointed for the line. With the bill were petitions from the trust company and others, asking that the court order the receivers of the Union Pacific to turn over to the receivers of the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern, when appointed, all the property of the latter in their possession. Similar bills and petitions have been or will be filed in the United States court of Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and Utah. Col. W. F. Sanders and James U. Sanders represent the American Loan and Trust company in Montana in the present proceedings.

The Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern was operated as part of the Union Pacific system at the time the latter went into the hands of receivers. It was therefore included in the property which was turned over to the Union Pacific receivers. The holders of the first mortgage bonds of the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern object to this general receivership, and believe the road can make more money and better traffic arrangements with other lines if operated as a separate affair. The mortgage represented by the bonds was placed upon the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern as a corporation distinct from any connection with the Union Pacific or any other system. The mortgage is known as a consolidated mortgage.

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