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And better had they never been born. Who read to doubt, or read to scorn. —Scott.

IN MASSACHUSETTS.

If we may believe the Springfield Republican—and there is no newspaper whose reputation for veracity is better—Massachusetts is getting tired of the jobbery and manipulation of republican politicians.

Massachusetts has an annual election. No sooner are the ballots counted in one gubernatorial race, than the leaders begin their scheming for the next engagement. It is one continual round of politics in the Bay state. In Montana, we elect a governor once in four years and that seems often enough to go through the disturbance of a state campaign.

In Massachusetts, the republican machine has been secure in its control of the state so long that its manipulators are shocked by the experience of running third in an election contest. This fall they tried to make the race in disguise; they put up a candidate who posed as a "progressive republican." But the people of Massachusetts evidently concluded that "there ain't no such animal" and the republican candidate ran third.

It seems now that the republican leaders are getting ready for the attempt to retrieve their lost prestige. They are scheming, even before the newly elected governor takes his seat. Prospective candidates are being suggested, though Massachusetts has a primary law which gives the voters the selection of candidates, removing it from the hands of the bosses who have attended to this little formality for years and years.

And this action rouses resentment. In its dignified Massachusetts way, the Springfield Republican voices this resentment with more than ordinary emphasis.

The Boston Advertiser tells us that plans are being laid in the interests of four candidates for the republican nomination for governor in 1914—Congressman A. P. Gardner, Councillor Alexander McGregor, Colonel E. C. Benton and Chairman John L. Cole of the state finance commission. The prematureness of all this will be realized and resented by the rank and file, who are next year to determine the issue in the primaries. Wearied with the eternal round of politics, it is not unreasonable to believe that when campaign time again rolls around, there will be a general agreement that the republican party can best serve itself and the state by crying "Plague" upon all these early aspirants, to the end that counsel may be taken by which a new and strong man may be brought to the front and receive the nomination.

Having failed to fix upon the best responsibility for high prices, the democratic party turns now to the middle-man as an acceptable goat.

A new session of congress will begin today, but it will be difficult to distinguish it from the one we have been having, right along.

Huerta is shy of money. So are we, but we are not making an international affair out of the situation.

Our fleet at Vera Cruz is not composed of pleasure yachts. And, then, John Lind is there, too.

AN ANCIENT EVIL

Montana has local interest in the movement against the whipping-post barbarity of the state of Delaware, by reason of the fact that Representative Evans of this state introduced the congressional resolution which opened the discussion of the subject. This discussion has been general. It is continued in the newspapers and magazines to an extent which indicates that Mr. Evans has been successful, at least, in directing public attention to the evil which he wishes to eradicate—a hope in which the thinking people of the country, we are certain, share.

Noteworthy in the newspaper discussion of Mr. Evans' resolution and the sequence of events which it inaugurated, is the absence of any serious defense of the practice of flogging prisoners. It is urged that the whipping is never severe and that it does not seriously injure the victim, but further than this, there has been nothing offered that might be characterized as an attempt to defend a custom which is a relic of ancient barbarism.

As far as we have read it, the defense of the position of Delaware, which was offered upon the floor of the house was nothing more than an attempt to justify the practice on the ground already mentioned, that the flogging does not inflict serious injury and that it is conducted in a manner as humane as it is possible to make it. But surely this will not satisfy. The whipping post has in recent years found no advocates, as we recall it, except as it has been suggested as a special form of punishment for wife-beaters.

The Boston Transcript recently devoted a lengthy article to the history of the Delaware custom and to a description of the application of the lash in the prison yard. The writer of this article agrees with the statement that the whipping is mild and that it is not severe enough even to leave permanent scars. But, despite this fact, it is declared that the whipping post is all out of tune with the modern trend of prison administration and that it must be abolished. The conclusions reached by the Transcript's writer follow:

Whatever the outcome of the federal move in the matter of the Delaware whipping post, public opinion at home and abroad is likely now to be strongly directed to the institution and its doom, as a thing utterly out of keeping with modern penology in America, cannot be far off. At the same time, public criticism will probably be directed toward the whole penal system of Delaware. Within a few years the system was greatly humanized by the establishment of a workhouse for the whole state. Before the establishment of the workhouse, the jails were often crowded with little prisoners, some convicts, others awaiting trial, and the conditions were in some cases shocking. Only a few days ago a daughter of Senator Bayard went to the jail at Dover to instruct the wretched prisoners as to means of exercise to improve their condition, and protect them from the results of a confinement for too close for human health. At New Castle conditions used to be mitigated by the treatment of some long-term prisoners as "trusties." Some such persons, usually negroes, were often seen going freely about the town on errands for the sheriff, and others were employed in domestic work about the sheriff's residence, a comfortable house immediately connected with the jail. This treatment, oddly enough, side by side with that "honorary wrong," the whipping post, anticipated the most modest humanitarian development of penology. The time is at hand when the best public opinion of Delaware will demand not only the abolition of the whipping post, but a thorough modernization of the whole penal system, a beginning of which is seen in the present workhouse.

ABOUT THE STATE

B. T. Stanton has resigned his secretary of the Bozeman Chamber of Commerce and Watson Boyle has been elected to succeed him.

Plans is organizing a movement for the establishment of a creamery. Thirty-five thousand cattle are being wintered in the Big Hole basin.

Big game did not come out of the Yellowstone park this year as usual, on account of the light snowfall, and many hunters were disappointed.

The annual meeting of assessors and county commissioners will be held in Lewistown in January. The state tax commissioner has sent out urgent calls to all county boards to be present.

The enrollment at the state normal college in Dillon is 150.

Young hoodlums in Anaconda have spoiled the ice in the city skating rink, prepared for the use of the young people of the city.

The Helena Independent Telephone company is resisting the order of the Butte municipal authorities to place all wires underground.

The Helena sawmills plant, which has been closed for a long time, will be opened again.

Agents of eastern breweries are in Montana, buying barley.

Flint creek valley supplied the local towns with their turkeys. Dealers imported none this year.

Billings, under the inspiration of Judge Matheson, is planning a local historical society whose purpose shall be to preserve local records and traditions.

February has been fixed by the city council as the date for the closing of the red-light district of Billings.

Billings has a newsboy trust and butchers are treated roughly. One mother complained to the police that her little son had been beaten up.

Columbus has a girls' basketball team that is showing great form.

The first annual report of the Polson Library association shows that the organization has made good in its endeavor.

J. M. Kennedy, state commissioner of publicity, has been working in Flathead county in the interest of a Montana exhibit at the Panama exposition.

Billings boasts of a charitable coal dealer. Needy families were last week supplied with fuel, the total of the gifts amounting to 33 tons.

IN DEER LODGE

Deer Lodge, Nov. 30—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Warner left Tuesday evening for Livingston, where they spent a few days visiting with relatives.

N. Norrie of the blacksmith shop was successful in passing the examination for locomotive fireman, Wednesday and is now assigned to the Rocky Mountain division.

Superintendent W. B. Melchior of Three Forks transacted business in the local yards Wednesday.

Otto Swant, of the wood working department resigned his position Wednesday and moved to his ranch,

which is located about 18 miles north-west of town.

Boilermaker Dave Reese went to the Butte yards Tuesday evening, where he made a number of repairs on one of the hill engines.

Brakeman H. H. Snyder spent Tuesday visiting in Butte.

Art Welch, James Thomas and St. Stoddard spent the first of the week hunting in the vicinity of Drummond. While they secured plenty of small game, they were unsuccessful in securing any venison, owing to the lack of snow.

Joseph Nowak, chief clerk in the state department at Miles City, transacted business at the local offices, Wednesday.

After being laid up for a week with an attack of rheumatism, L. D. Arrell of the car shops was able to return to work the early part of the week.

After a week spent visiting with relatives in Alberton and Deer Lodge, O. E. Lovely and wife of Harlowton, returned home Saturday.

The annual dance to be given by the members of the Bozeman and Lewistown Firemen and Engineers at Three Forks, December 16, promises to eclipse all former events. Made will be furnished by the Bozeman orchestra and the different committees are doing everything in their power to make the occasion one to be remembered.

Mrs. W. G. Dunbar and children left Saturday for their old home in Minneapolis. They expect to be gone until after the holidays.

Brakeman C. H. Barton, better known as "Happy," left Saturday for a two weeks' vacation which will be spent on the coast. During his absence his place is being filled by E. G. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hoffman of San Francisco arrived in the city during the past week. Mr. Hoffman comes to take a position offered him by the Interstate News company, and it is stated that he will be assigned to the Alberton restaurant.

Mrs. Harry Osborn left Sunday for her old home in Waudena, Minn., at which place she expects to reside in the future.

Messrs. William Underhill and Joe Coey came down from Bonner, Sunday to spend the day with Deer Lodge friends.

Business car 93 has been assigned General Superintendent W. E. Foster, General Freight Agent K. Burrows and Superintendent W. E. Carpenter of the Wells, Fargo Express company, passed through Deer Lodge Sunday en route to the coast. The above party of officials have been making a try of inspection over the entire system.

Sham Miller of Missoula spent Sunday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller.

While playing ball with a lump of coal, Saturday, a fumble on the part of Carl Snyder resulted in his getting hit on the top of his head and having an ugly gash cut in his scalp. While not serious the injury is quite painful.

Wood Mill Foreman Frank Jackson, who had the misfortune to have his foot crushed under a heavy timber a week ago, was able to be back to work Monday.

J. G. Van Nance came down from

Avery Saturday and spent a few days renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Charles White of Alberton spent a few days the latter part of the week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Welsh.

This fact that the holiday season is near at hand is certainly evident to the engine crews of the Rocky Mountain division. There are 112 engineers on this division and in checking over the list Saturday it was found that only one of them was laying off.

J. A. Campbell and George Beaumont of the car department motored out to the range east of town Thursday and looked over their mining prospects.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bultman left for St. Paul, Saturday, where they will make an extended visit with relatives.

During the latter part of the week four new Class L locomotives arrived from the Milwaukee shops and were assigned to the Rocky Mountain division. All four engines were of the super-heater type.

Brakeman James Byron spent Saturday visiting in Butte.

CORVALLIS NOTES

Corvallis, Nov. 30—(Special.)—Following is the order of the Thanksgiving service held at 11:30 o'clock Thanksgiving morning at the Methodist church: Song, "America"; Scripture reading, prayer, sermon by Rev. J. E. Farris; text, Psalm 103, verse 2, "Bless the Lord, O My Son and Forget Not All His Benefits"; closing hymn; benediction.

Alvin Whitesitt was completely surprised Tuesday evening by a company of 30 friends and relatives, who arrived in a body at his home to celebrate his 22nd birthday anniversary. Games and music were pleasant diversions, and refreshments were served.

L. J. Ellis and family and Mrs. Annie Adams departed last week for an extended visit with relatives in California.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lear are visiting relatives in Deer Lodge.

Louis Brooks, Dudley Boyden and E. O. Sheppard returned Thursday from an unsuccessful hunt 27 miles out of Phillipsburg.

Misses Inez and Margaret Summers of Missoula, were guests in town over Thanksgiving.

Ralph and Robert Laws were Missoula visitors Thursday. The former has sold his ranch property to Thomas Kane, and expects to begin logging at the Harper & Harper lumber camp next week.

Charles Johnson arrived home several days ago from the Blackfoot country, where he has been managing a large stock ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson of Hamilton spent Thanksgiving day with friends here.

Otis Fletcher has gone to Drummond, where he will be employed for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. Margaret Breh, who left some time ago for her daughter's home in Butte, is critically ill with pneumonia.

The local teachers returned Thursday from attending the teachers' convention at Helena.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wolfe entertained at a family dinner party Thanksgiving day, plates being laid for 10.

Rev. T. B. Reagan of Mountain View, killed a deer Wednesday in the mountains a few miles east of his home.

The proceeds from the public dinner and supper served by the Presbyterian ladies Thanksgiving day, were \$130.

Miss Clara Mackay has opened a candy parlor at her home on School street.

Miss Elizabeth Phelps attended the convention at Helena, and spent the rest of the week with her parents at Stevensville.

George Wilcox and family came up from Missoula, Wednesday and are guests of the former's father, Jo Wilcox, on Willow creek.

Mrs. Breh Swingart and three children of Victor are spending the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Hawker.

Mrs. James Chaffin of Spokane is a Corvallis visitor this week.

Wellington White is down from Darby visiting former schoolmates.

SUPERIOR NEWS

Superior, Nov. 30—(Special.)—About 20 local young people attended the Thanksgiving dance at Alberton. They report a good time.

Mrs. Simons and children of Haugan, spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. A. B. Hodgins.

Mr. Barringer, forest ranger, is recovering from a fall which he received a short time ago.

Martin Welch's new residence is nearing completion.

Work is in progress on the new bridge across the river. This is a much-needed improvement, which will be appreciated by everyone.

Marjorie Lee and John Daly are home from Missoula to spend their Thanksgiving vacation.

Miss Helen Ray is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. E. J. Miller, at Miles City.

Miss Kate Smith has returned from State Teachers' association meeting at Helena.

Mrs. Ella Brown, primary teacher, is spending the week with home folks at Spokane.

A number of local citizens have been enjoying the hunting season. Some brought in their limit; others not quite so successful. It takes Ben Hord to get the bears. He looks straight but shoots crooked.

Mrs. Laura Bennett of Butte is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Franklin.

W. J. Fletcher realizes now that he lost out in the hunting season when he parted with his pump-gun.

OVERHEARD AT THE CLUB.

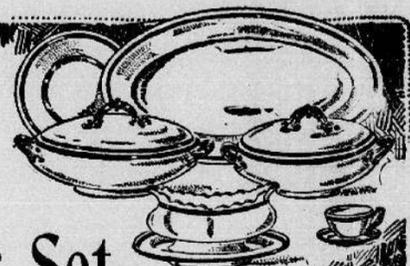
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