

The Jeannette, James Gordon Bennett's exploring yacht, sailed from San Francisco for the North Pole, by way of Behring Straits.

A cyclone a little out of its latitude, visited Minnesota last week. At the village of Vasa and in the neighborhood of Belle creek, the damage was greatest.

A couple of weeks ago the Gold Hill mines very narrowly escaped another great conflagration from a fire breaking out in the Imperial works.

Gen. Sickles, who slew Philip Barton Key, just twenty years ago next fall, is proposed as Secretary of War, should McCrary resign to accept a position on the bench.

The Legislature fulfilled the expectation of last week by passing on Saturday, the 5th, a resolution of adjournment to take effect on Thursday, the 10th.

Sharon, the Nevada Senator, although a stranger to his seat in the Senate, has never yet failed to draw his pay with the most commendable regularity.

The New York papers are sadly distressed at the iniquity of the Metropolitan police, as brought to light by the Hull murder.

De Lesseps expects to begin work on the Isthmus canal next New Year's day, with 40,000 workmen.

Last week there was shipped by express from Butte brick No. 245 from the Alice mine at Walkerville.

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In dealing with the mining interest our law-makers must remember that the effects of any mischievous legislation will not be confined to this interest.

The Bismarck Tribune of the 28th ult., says: Six railroads are now pushing their lines across Dakota, and more new settlers are coming into Dakota than any section in the West.

The New York Times is troubled about the activity of mining stocks in New York.

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It seems, though, that the law is not so unobjectionable as it first appeared. It is true that it is far from being oppressive; that the burden it imposes is not only light but also that this burden is only imposed upon those able to bear it.

But when we come to the third department of mining—to the working of mines through the instrumentality of stock companies, with the attendant feature of dealing in mining stocks on the market—in this department we find the bullion law absolutely ruinous.

The law has already worked us great injury. It has been in operation only a few months but it has already had the effect of sending to Colorado and to the Black Hills capital which would otherwise have been invested here.

It is doubtless to be regretted that mining cannot be conducted as open, as above board as the business of raising wheat; but the difference between the genuine legislator and the Utopian is that one legislates for the world as it is, and for institutions as he finds them.

is the willard of the mining districts nor of the mining companies that is involved. Companies of capitalists can always find other inviting fields of investment and can therefore go along without Montana, if they choose, but Montana cannot very well dispense with the aid of outside capital.

ON DEER LODGES. Just as we were going to press last week a notice was handed in to the effect that the contract for the new jail building at Deer Lodge had been let to a firm of builders and contractors of this city.

We were right in supposing that the New North-West would prove utterly unequal to the task of speaking definitely one way or the other, of being fish, flesh, fowl or good red herring, on the question of building a jail at Butte.

To one charge made against this paper we will reply. The MINER is accused of having "taken Deer Lodgers to task during the meeting of the Legislature in the months of January and February last for venturing to express an opinion in opposition to the wishes of the editor(s) above mentioned.

The Chicago Tribune says that the people of Carson valley celebrated with great enthusiasm the completion of the Sutro Tunnel.

The granddaughter of Burns is about to marry a Mr. David Wingate, who, like her grandfather, is a leading workman poet.

Last Thursday when intelligence was received from Helena to the effect that Forbis' exemption bill was in danger of defeat the petition reproduced below was hastily drawn up and circulated about town and in Walkerville for signatures.

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned residents, taxpayers and voters of Butte, county of Deer Lodge, Montana Territory, respectfully represent that we believe the bill now pending, to exempt the Utah Northern railroad from taxation, is a bill that should receive your united support.

SHORT STOPS FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Fourth was past; the noisy fire cracker and torpedo were silent; yell of Young America had ceased; the firing rocket, booming cannon and brass band were heard no more.

The peace and quiet of the Sabbath, together with the report that their laborious efforts were to be paid by Congress, brought new considerations and on Monday, on motion of Hyde, in the Council, the vote was reconsidered (7 to 4), and the same was done in the House on motion of Noyes, by a vote of 13 to 11.

Forbis has introduced a railroad exemption bill which provides that the railroad shall be built to Butte and to Deer Lodge in 1880, and to Helena in 1881.

The Council has given indefinite leave of absence to its Chaplain, Mr. Armstrong, and the House has granted a week's absence to Mr. Gilbert, Chaplain of the House, consequently both houses are unusually wicked.

C. B., relative to foreign incorporations. C. B., apportioning members thus: In Council—Lewis and Clarke and Deer Lodge counties two members each; the other counties one each. In the House—Deer Lodge

four, Gallatin two, Missoula two; the other counties one each. C. B., to license commercial travellers (to live as well as foreign), \$25 a quarter. H. B., for publication of certain volumes of the Historical Society, at a cost of not over \$750. Passed both houses.

The last four passed both houses. Bills which have passed the House: H. B., to enable Helena school district to build a school house. H. B., to enable Butte to build a school house. H. B., to incorporate the city of Butte which provides that the Aldermen and Mayor shall be qualified electors, and that all qualified electors who have resided in Butte three months can vote for city officers.

The concert Monday evening, the 7th, was largely attended. The net proceeds were about \$180; half of which goes to the library. A correspondent of the Herald has the usual extravagant gush concerning the principal singer, "Queen of Song," counterpart of the gifted Miss Manchester, &c., &c., a diastantandum.

The Nellie Boyd Dramatic Company are playing in Helena to large houses. It is acknowledged by all to be superior to any company which has been here for years.

Strawberries were never so abundant before. They sell for from 20 to 25 cents a quart. Gooseberries, raspberries and small fruit generally promise to be abundant. Cherries and apples are being raised with varied success.

Lemonade is only 10 cents a glass. Lemon sell at \$1.50 per dozen. Peas, etc., are 60 cents a pound. The Independent urges the citizens to set out evergreen trees around the court house.

The last portion of stone work is laid on the Episcopal Church. Beautifully stained glass has arrived for the windows, and the building is expected to be ready for occupancy in September or October.

Messrs. Raleigh & Clark are extending their store to twice its present length and will occupy it in a few weeks. Sanders Bros are likewise lengthening their store. J. R. Boyce, who returned with his bride from Missouri a few months since, is doing a thriving trade.

One of the best filled stores at the capital is that of Auerbach & Wells. They keep everything from a churn and cradle to sheet music and silver forks. All the necessities of life, including tea, tobacco and brandy can be found there.