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EVERY Garrison is enjoying a building boom.

HELENA'S railroad boom has somewhat of a frost-bitten appearance.

AVACONDA should have rail connection with Phillipsburg, Cable and that region.

The local political pot is beginning to seethe and boil. Apply more fuel, gentlemen.

The tricky politician never lasts long. Few men will accept a second lie, even from the best of them.

The mining outlook of Butte never was brighter. The camp's output will exceed anything of the past.

GREAT FALLS on the Missouri, has a bright future. It will be the great manufacturing point of Montana.

MORE money will be expended in building operations in Butte during 1886 than in any single year of the past.

The sale of the Blue Eyed Nellie mine will have a tendency to boom the mining properties of Deer Lodge County.

Is laborer so oppressed as we are asked to believe? Happily it is not so in Butte, if it is in the rest of the world.

The awful troubles in the Southwest have temporarily overshadowed the Chinese question, and John has a rest, temporarily, at least.

By and by the Centerville Mining Journal may learn something of the peridy of the average politician. It is playing lick-spittle to the right man to receive the lesson.

The Montana delegation in Washington is laboring industriously for the best interests of the Territory. They are ably and beneficially seconding the efforts of Delegate Toole.

J. R. RUSSELL has made a most acceptable and efficient Treasurer. His administration has been clean, conscientious and honest, a credit to the incumbent and an honor to the Democratic party.

In Helena it is said that there has been a shaking up among the stockholders—those who got in on the ground floor—the West Granite Mountain mine. "The true inwardness" of the share up has not transpired.

TOO MANY swindling mining schemes, based solely on speculation, are being developed for the good of Montana. All true friends of the material prosperity of the State will frown down and expose such schemes.

A PENNSYLVANIA man, who was elected a county commissioner, has been arrested for having promised to use his influence to secure their influence to insure his election. Most likely he is being persecuted because he failed to pay the bribes offered.

THE idea of the Republic Française in the event of a national Home Rule, Ireland would apply to us, as well as the United States is rather far-fetched. All Ireland asks is to let alone and given a fair chance to work out its own destiny.

AFTER all it was only an Enabling Act in behalf of Washington Territory that passed the Senate. Even an "enabling act" had. It calls for a new constitutional convention and a vote of the people, but these terms can be complied with in short order.

JEFFERSON County will take rapid strides forward during the present season. It's rich and varied resources have attracted wide attention, and will be largely developed. No section offers greater opportunities for the capitalist than Jefferson County.

JUST now there is no end to the railroad schemes in Montana. They are all on paper, however, and it is only the only tangible enterprise up to date being the Montana Enterprise. A part of this is in actual course of construction, which is more than can be said for any other road.

THE MINER will publish full reports of the Cattle Convention which will meet in Miles City on the nineteenth instant, and to that end will have a special correspondent on the ground. The Convention will be one of unusual interest and its proceedings will be read with interest.

THE chances for the admission of Montana are brighter to-day than they have been at any time since the session opened. There is no hope for Washington in the House, without Montana, and Dakota is entirely beyond hope. We have every reason to hope that Montana will yet get there.

THE blocking of Main Street, yesterday, by a building in course of removal was an outrage which should not have been tolerated. It would not have been permitted anywhere else. It would have been an easy matter to have swung the building around, at least for the Sunday rest.

IN the escaping of the prisoner Thomas Murphy from the Deer Lodge Penitentiary, on Friday, no blame can in any way attach to Marshal Kelley and his deputies. They use due vigilance and ordinary forethought, and the man's escape is a mystery to the officers. It is believed that he had accomplices upon the outside. No efforts will be spared by the Marshal to find the fellow, who is believed to be still in the woods of Deer Lodge County.

SECRETARY OF STATE BAYARD does not take much stock in subsidizing a merchant marine. He says the system has been run in the ground by the East and the West, and that there is nothing in it. Mr. Bayard may be right, but there is an intense belief that if at the close of the war the United States had taken proper and liberal steps to encourage the rebuilding of our merchant marine, it would have controlled the carrying trade of the world to-day as it did before the war.

WITHIN three years Butte will be the greatest railroad center of Montana. Butte now furnishes the Union Pacific 20 per cent of its gross business, but it controls 75 per cent of the total railroad traffic of Montana. To say that such a point will be ignored by any new line of railroad that really means business, is sheer idiocy. Railroads are built to make money, and they require traffic to make money. No other town or indeed the balance of the Territory combined offers so many inducements for a railroad project.

LONDON dispatches inform us that in the event of the defeat of the Irish bill Mr. Gladstone will retire and a new Ministry will be formed. The dispatch says further that this conclusion has been reached after consultation upon both sides and the reason given is that neither the Liberals nor Conservatives are willing to go to the country. This surely sounds strange. Either Mr. Gladstone is right or he is wrong. It might be better to be afraid to court the opinion of the masses and demand their verdict. He might not secure a majority of the House but he would surely get such an expression of confidence from the public as would show their faith in his efforts and their willingness to support him. At this time, next to a legislative victory, such a victory is what he most needs.

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In various sections of the country and even in this Territory, and notably in Helena, there is a feeling that Butte is not so prosperous as it has been, that a cloud of uncertainty is resting over the camp.

It is the best, the greatest, the richest, the most enterprising of the most prosperous mining camps on earth. We will be glad to welcome them, if they want our trade. If they will not come we will be content with such facilities as we have. The Union Pacific is treating us very decently and will be better.

The question of beer which is now being agitated by the brewers and salaried in Helena, is also attracting some attention in the East. There, however, the differences are between the manufacturers and the consumers, and in order to satisfy the latter, as to the purity of the article, a number of experts have been engaged in making an analysis of various specimens and judging by the following from the New York Star, the result must have been entirely satisfactory:

"Sundry chronicles of small beer are before us. In the first place, the report of Dr. Engelhardt, who has been engaged by the Board of Health, gives a analysis of 476 samples of malt liquors gathered by a trusty agent from various breweries and saloons throughout the State; and secondly, a pamphlet written by Mr. Thomson for the United States Brewers' Association deals with the manufacture of beer, retrospectively and aesthetically.

There is not a dry word of reading in either publication. While the chemist treats his subjects with the figurative terseness of the scientist, Mr. Thomson's treatise is like a fresh pot of beer, and sparkling and satisfying as his chemical allusions and historical references. Taken together, the two little books form the strongest temperance document that could possibly be circulated.

Of course, the greatest practical importance will attach to the report of the official analyst, and it must be admitted at once that the much maligned beer passes through its crucial tests with a triumphant head on its reputation. The main points of interest presented by Dr. Engelhardt are that there were no traces in any of the samples of the substitution of noxious drugs and compounds for hops or malt; that no harmful ingredients of any kind were traceable; and that the presence of glucose or grape sugar, against which so much has been ignorantly spoken of, was, instead of being deleterious, in per se highly beneficial and nutritious. An amusing feature of the distinguished chemist's report is his statement that in all the samples examined he found evidence of salt, the object of which, he says, is to begeth, seems to be to create thirst.

Mr. Thomson concerns himself more especially with showing that competition has stopped all adulteration, that beer is now manufactured more healthfully, economically and palatably than at any time since the middle of the last century. He refers to Wallach's hall, and demolishes the fallacies of the prohibitionists by proving, from a simple reference to revenue returns, that as the malt beverages have gained in popularity and esteem the sale of ardent spirits has steadily decreased.

And so, in this age of investigation King Gaubrunns comes out of the fire brighter and purer than many another monarch who has held his head much higher. We are glad to pay him this homage. The sensation of thirst is upon us. Sir William Temple says that men will drink one or two glasses of beer, and a fourth for their good humor and a fourth for their enemies. If men will only stick to beer they can fulfill his first three obligations, and end up by making their enemies their foot-soldiers.

SENATOR FRYE, of Maine, in a recent address before the Republican League of Brooklyn took occasion to refer to the timidity of capital in the United States as a most potent argument in favor of protection. He said that the people of the United States had wanted capital to "come out of its stockings, its savings banks and United States bonds, and go into the bowels of the earth and bring forth iron ore and other metals; to start the forges and furnaces, to build ships, and run silk, woolen, cotton and woollen factories, to hire men and women and pay them good wages; to educate, prepare and fit the boys and girls of America for citizenship, for a few years these boys and girls too, may be a great republic on their shoulders. It is in bone and muscle that need to be produced.

The strongest feeling in the mind of the average capitalist is a determination that the money which he has accumulated shall be rendered as secure as anything earthly can be, by judicious investment. Most men who contrive to lay by a good share of their money, do so in the hope of leaving the whims of their families to a certain extent. Some cherish personal hobbies which involve what to poor men would seem an immense outlay, but few men would have made large fortunes by their own efforts are willing to risk any considerable part of their money in speculation, unless, if successful, the outlay would be beneficial to their friends and neighbors.

Any capitalist, however, if he looked around, would undoubtedly see opportunities for combining a reasonable amount of profit to himself with a great deal of benefit to his neighbors. There are many such opportunities in the country over, which are going to seed, not because there is not enough money in their hands to start industries and boom trades; but because the capitalist in question turns a deaf ear to any appeal which may be made on the score of public spiritedness. They will loan money at low rates of interest, or take up some hobby in speculation, sooner than help their fellow-citizens to start a number of small industries at home.

It may be against the ethics of business to lend money to a man who has no security to give for its return. Yet for want of even a small security, there are worthy and capable men who must remain as wage-workers, but who, under favorable conditions, could build up business with profit to their backers as well as themselves. Is the capitalist who would rather send his money off than help such schemes such a patriot?

His Royal Highness, the Chinese Minister, has been pacified. He not only received three of our dignitaries, but agreed to accompany them to inspect the mine. Too much has already been made of this matter.

NEVER before has the city shown signs of prosperity as at present. The people of Butte are to be congratulated on that their property does not depend on railroad building.

Not only will Butte finally have as many railroads as any other city of Montana, but it will have every facility that a live, progressive, prosperous city should have. It will add 250 or 300 homes in 1886 to the 800 that were established last year.

A COLORADO delegation feels badly because the President would not recognize them as the Democratic party of that State. They are not to be blamed for swearing a little, but really the President must be allowed some discretion in such matters.

It was Solomon or some other wise man who said there was nothing new under the sun. But whoever it was, made a mistake, this age. As a matter of fact, those who are now among them do not seem to know much about them. We had heard of the world could persuade them to have any.

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