THE SEMI-WEEKLY MINER.

BUTTE, MONTANA, OCT. 20, 1886.

A Democratic meeting at Walkerville tonight.

The burning question of the hour: "Has Sanders yet got his pole?"

Advocates of Chinese cheap labor and Know Nothingism go hand in hand.

If Chinamen were permitted to vote Col. Sanders could count on their support.

Walkerville will give the Democratic candidates and speakers a big reception tonight.

No man in the country has a clearer pro-Chinese record than Col. Wilbur F. Sanders.

No man who is opposed to Chinese pauper labor can consistently vote for Wilbur F. Sanders.

Do our Republican contemporaries desire to convey the impression that Delegate Toole uttered a falsehood when he said he withdrew from the firm of Toole, Toole & Co. two years ago.

The recent fall of snow in the mountains which is melting upon unfrozen ground has settled the question of a full water supply for Butte for this season.

After looking over the Republican papers in the Territory the average voter would naturally ask: "Is it Sparks, Maginnis or Toole that is running on the Democratic ticket for Delegate in Congress?"

We stop THE MINER press just long enough to note the fact that the people of Montana are still cutting their fire-wood and fence poles with no one to molest them or make them afraid.

The Republican party is the offspring of the union of the old Whig party and Know Nothingism. It is one of those insolvable mysteries how any self-respecting foreign-born citizen can ally himself to and work with it.

The leaven of Know Nothingism continually crops out of the Republican party in its ill-concealed dislike to put a foreign-born citizen on its ticket. Quite a number, however, put themselves on it this year by capturing the Republican convention.

The Omaha Republican noting the fact that Mr. Dana has paid for embalming Gen. Grant's body, wickedly adds: "This was fair enough. There was no time during the last twelve years of his life when Gen. Grant would not have cheerfully paid for embalming Mr. Dana."

It remains to be seen whether the men of Butte City and vicinity who not long ago held a mass meeting in front of the court house to protest against the employment of Chinese cheap labor will vote for Sanders. If they were sincere in the stand they took they will not.

When Sparks heard, the other day, what Sanders was going to do when he went to Washington, he burned his timber rules and regulations, took a sedative, hired Schurz to fan him, and went to sleep. Sanders can cut his pole now.

Does the Inter Mountain take the wood choppers of Montana to be a set of idiots that it gives them such balderbash as now appears daily in its columns? It is pure and unadulterated rot not worth a moment's consideration by any sensible man.

Mr. Charles Carver addressed the voters of Burlington upon the political situation of the day last evening. The gentleman made an excellent speech which was attentively listened to and very favorably received. Mr. Carver will roll up a large majority at Burlington.

The Democratic Central Committee has made arrangements for the holding of a series of political meetings throughout the county. Speakers will be present to address them. The list of appointments may be seen at the head of this column. Democrats at each of the places named will no doubt be prepared to give the speakers a hearty greeting.

According to the reasoning of the Republican press in Montana, every man that casts a vote for Col. Sanders gives notice to the Congress of the United States that he is in favor of the repeal of the Chinese restriction act and favors the swarming of Chinese paupers into Montana to take the place of white laborers.

Truly, the people of the South are sorely afflicted. Earthquakes have shaken down their buildings and rendered thousands of people homeless. The floods have swept away entire villages and engulfed hundreds in a watery grave. A whole town was destroyed by fire last Sunday, and now, to add to the horrors of earthquakes, fires and floods, yellow fever is decimating the population in Mississippi. The present year will long be remembered by the unfortunate people of the Southern States.

Our Republican contemporaries will please bear in mind that the Democratic editors in Montana are too old in the business to fire at the dummies set up every day by the opposition. The latest campaign creation about Sparks being ready to issue a terrible order to fine and imprison two-thirds of the population of the Territory for cutting a pole on the public domain, and that Toole, Haley and others had prevailed upon him to defer its issuance until after the November election, has such a rank odiferous smell about it that it will be allowed to stand in all its rottenness without drawing even the fire of a squib. Go right along and set up some more.

Notwithstanding the hope of Mr. Barry that a speedy adjustment will be effected of the differences between the Chicago pork packers and their employes, the situation wears a rather serious aspect. The packers have nearly 500 well-armed men quartered on the ground, ready at a moment's notice to use their weapons, while the employes declare "they have counted the cost and the shedding of a little blood will not stop or influence them in the least." One imprudent step upon either side would precipitate a collision that would doubtless be attended by great loss of life. It is hoped that wise counsels will prevail and that a peaceful solution of the present difficulties will soon be reached.

Hon. J. K. Toole is on record in the Deer Lodge county court as an attorney for the Northern Pacific. This is shown by documents on record there, and if it is a crime to act as counsel for the Northern Pacific, Mr. Toole is certainly guilty.—Livingston Enterprise (Rep.)

Mr. Toole has already explained his retirement from the law firm of Toole, Toole & Co., and that explanation is entirely satisfactory to every honorable man in the Territory. But if additional testimony be wanted to prove the integrity of Mr. Toole we will recall Col. Sanders to the stand and hear what *he* says. Here it is:

"I am happy in being able to run against a candidate who is my personal friend, of whom I believe nothing can be said to his harm, who, with some aberrations from a straight line of duty can certainly have no crime laid to his door, except that he is allied to the Democracy, and who will, I believe, come out of this campaign a wiser and better man."

REPUBLICAN ENDORSEMENTS.

Ever since the organization of the Territory the Republican party has, at its regular conventions, endorsed each Republican administration. When the whiskey rings with the connivance of heads of departments were swindling the government out of millions of dollars the administration was endorsed. When the Bradys and the Dorseys were running star routes upon the principle of "addition, division and silence" with the post office department at Washington, the administration was endorsed. When John Roach and Bill Chandler were making millions they never earned out of old government hulks, the administration was endorsed. When Carl Schurz was offensively enforcing his timber rules and regulations and seizing wood in the back yards of the homes of widows and orphans, the administration was endorsed. When fraud and corruption permeated every department of the government; when swindlers and thieves, occupying high positions, were annually whitewashed by accommodating Congressional Committees and stalked unblushingly in the higher courts of justice and bade them defiance the administration was endorsed. When the ballot box was trampled under foot, the voice of the people stifled and the presidency of this great nation twice stolen, the administration was endorsed. And when the outraged masses finally rose in their might and hurled their oppressors from power and entrusted the reins of government to an honest party the past Republican administrations were still endorsed.

And yet during those years of misrule and of peculation and oppression upon the part of Federal officials, the Democracy fought their battles purely upon the principles and policy in government. When Sanders, and Tufts, and Claggett, and Hedges, and Leavitt, and Orr, and Botkin, and Knowles ran for Delegate in Congress it was not held by the Democratic press that their election would be an endorsement of the high crimes and misdemeanors of their party at Washington. During the canvass of Botkin and Knowles, and when the timber rules and regulations of a Republican administration were being enforced in every portion of the Territory, it was not charged by the Democratic press that the election of either of those gentlemen would be an endorsement of those rules and regulations by the people of Montana. No such contemptible claptrap was indulged in.

But now the conditions are reversed. The Republican party has been compelled to step down and out to give place to honest men. The old mossbacks who have been laying up to the public teat during the past two decades are, from nearly two years' fasting, starving for pap. Their case is a desperate one, and no means are left untried to better their condition. But among them all no issue has been raised, no charge has been made, so silly, so baseless, so contemptible as the one that the election of Mr. Toole would be an endorsement by the people of the Territory of Sparks' timber rules and regulations, and that if he be again sent to Congress our mills and smelters and mines would all be closed down for want of wood to run them, etc., etc.

This matter is not referred to in a complaining spirit, but merely to show the flimsy pretext—for it cannot be called an argument—upon which Republican newspapers base their opposition to Mr. Toole. They cannot successfuly attack him upon his public record. He has rendered faithful and efficient service to the Territory, and they know it. But Sparks has thrown them a straw and they are trying to make a club out of it to beat Toole. This is one of the humors of the campaign. The only serious aspect that the matter wears is that the outside public, who read Republican newspapers, may be led to believe that the people of Montana are a lot of innocents who can be gulled into voting for Sanders by this measly rot about Sparks and his timber rules.

ASHAMED OF IT.

The Republican press of the Territory is heartily ashamed of Sanders' pro-Chinese record. They don't like to handle the unclean thing. The Helena Herald refers to and dismisses it with the simple question: "What difference does it make what Col. Sanders thought of the Chinese question years ago when nobody knew much about it?" The Inter Mountain with less caution and more presumption last evening, first pitched in to defend, then to explain and then to apologize for Sanders, but after squirming and wiggling with the subject for a brief moment it crawled away from the offensively ordorous record and branched off into a scattering discussion of the Burlingame treaty, Mr. W. W. Dixon, Col. J. C. Robinson, Frank Lee, Judge Knowles, a Supreme Court decision, Sharp & Napton, Samuel Word, and Joe Toole and at last wound up in the placer mines in Oro Fino Gulch. A lamer, more pointless and less effective defense of Col. Sanders and his Chinese man and brother record could not be penned outside a lunatic asylum.

Several of the candidates on the Democratic County ticket addressed an enthusiastic meeting at Burlington Monday evening. They made a good impression and gained many friends for the ticket. Tonight they will hold a meeting at Walkerville. We bespeak for them a rousing reception.

Col. Sanders says President Cleveland is a "thick-necked brute whom he could convict before a jury of beasts." This leads to the questions: If the people of Montana should become so blind to their interests as to elect Col. Sanders to represent them in Congress would their Delegate sacrifice his self-respect to the extent of asking a favor for the Territory at the hands of "a thick-necked brute whom he could convict before a jury of beasts?" And should he ask it would not Mr. Cleveland be justified in applying the toe of his boot to the man who uttered such a scurrilous remark about him?

The MINER is industriously and miscellaneously and indefinately using the exploded Chinese charge against Col. Sanders. If that journal knows of any position that Col. Sanders ever took favorable to the Chinese, let it give its information to the public and let it be honest about the matter. Let us have specific charges and the proof of their correctness or a candid admission that the MINER has meanly and deliberately traduced the character and misrepresented the utterances of the foremost citizen of Montana. The Chinese charge against Col Sanders is a foul calumny conceived in sin and born in iniquity.—Inter Mountain, 18th inst.

Well, we will see whether "the Chinese charge against Col. Sanders is a foul calumny conceived in sin and born in iniquity." Although the writer was present and heard Col. Sanders' long speech against Mr. Claggett's resolution favoring the restriction or prohibition of Chinese immigration he will not offer his evidence against the Inter Mountain's assertion but will refer the skeptical Thomas, of our evening contemporrry to the several delegates who were in the convention, among whom was Mr. O. B. O'Bannon, of Deer Lodge. If that will not do the MINER will will furnish further evidence of Col. Sanders' pronounced advocacy of Chinese immigration and Chinese cheap labor. The denial of the Inter Mountain will have no weight with the hundreds in Montana who are perfectly familiar with Col. Sanders' position upon the Chinese question. It is a matter as well known as that Col. Sanders was living at that time. We can pardon the ignorance of our evening contemporary for during the years Col. Sanders was making his pro-Chinese speeches the editor of that paper was fashioning mud pies with his baby playmates on the cross streets of his native village.

In speaking of the few changes which have been made in the department of the Secretary of State the Boston Herald has the following:

Secretary Bayard has made 144 changes in the diplomatic service in eighteen months—the whole number of offices being 237. Mr. Blaine, while Secretary of State, made fifty-five changes in four months—the whole number being then about 300. In Mr. Blaine's case one Republican administration had succeeded another. When Mr. Bayard began his operations the other party had been in power twenty-four years. Civil Service Reform is "catching on."

LOCAL NEWS NOTES.

Bar silver was yesterday quoted in New York at 97¾, where it seems to remain.

Michael Davitt will lecture this evening at the Grand Opera House.

The Kitty O'Brien ten-stamp mill is expected to be ready to start up about November 1.

Calkins & Co. have opened up their fine book and stationery store. The boys deserve to do well.

To-morrow evening a meeting will be held at the house of Mrs. Largey for the purpose of organizing a choral club.

The County Commissioners are now having some new bridges put in across the ditches on Arizona street, leading to the depot.

The Keystone Club will meet to-night at Judge Lippincott'e office at 7:30. A full attendance is requested. All Pennsylvanians are cordially invited to attend.

The Utah Northern and Montana Railway companies are having an immense amount of coal stored in their yards at this place for winter use.

Joe Smith, in Dublin Gulch, is the happiest man up there. Joe says it is a boy and weighs ten pounds. Mother and son are doing well.

Died—In Meaderville, October 18, Mrs. Mary Grassini, wife of Giasinto Grassini, aged 33 years. Funeral from late residence at 2 p. m. to-day.

District Court will adjourn next Friday evening, Judge Galbraith having only Saturday and Sunday to himself before opening Court at Dillon on the 25th inst.

The Keystone Club will meet to-morrow night at Judge Lippincott's courtroom. All those who have been residents of Pennsylvania are cordially invited to attend.

It is whispered that John Foley is about to erect a fine new house in Dublin Gulch, and that a prominent young lady will preside in it when completed. We wish John much joy.

Large consignments of freight are daily received at the South Butte depot for our merchants. Looking through the large freight house one sees goods pfled up on every side.

D. J. Charles and Frank Haskell gave a delightful social to their numerous friends in their new store building in South Butte last evening. Upwards of thirty couple were present and a gala time was had.

The Rev. W.E. King, of Butte, will preach in the K. of L. hall at Meaderville on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend this service.

It is reported that the Anaconda Company will start up the St. Lawrence mine on November 1. A visit to the mine, yesterday, revealed the fact that the Company have made extensive improvements, having had about fifty carpenters to work on the ore chutes for the past month.

Mr. John Robins has gone over to the Flat Head country. Mr. Robins goes for the purpose of taking up a homestead for himself and wife. John says it is rather late in life to go ranching, but he will try that country's climate next spring for a change.

Wm. Dean, who has been arrested for robbing the freight cars on the Utah & Northern had a preliminary examination before Justice Nichols yesterday who fixed his bail at $500, but it is understood that the bail bond will be raised to $1,000. He is now in jail having been unable to procure bail.

Next Friday evening at South Butte there will be held a Democratic rally if the weather will permit. It will be an out door meeting at Shirley's corner. If the weather should prove unfavorable then the meeting will be held at the Knights of Labor Hall at that place. Good speakers will be in attendance.

It is reported in select social circles that Col. John Stahlman, the genial proprietor of the Capitol Beer Hall, will leave in a few days for his old home, Minneapolis, there to wed the beautiful daughter of a wealthy brewer.

Yesterday work was commenced on the new iron front which will be put in on the corner of Main and Granite streets on the O'Rourke building. The sidewalk has been entirely closed up to prevent people from being hit with falling brickbats.

Thomas Lavell, one of the members of the firm of Lavell Bros., will lead to the altar the charming Miss Melissa Black, of Hailey, Idaho. The ceremony will be performed in St. Lawrence church, in that place, in the presence of a number of invited guests.

On November 1 the Montana Aid Association will take possession of the McNamara building, on Copper street, near the Miners' Union Hall. The association has purchased the furniture, carpets, etc., and will open the building on the 1st as a first-class sanitarium.

Orton's Band have kindly volunteered their services to aid in escorting Michael Davitt to-day from the depot to Mr. Marcus Daly's residence. The offer has been accepted, and the band could not have extended a fitter compliment to the Irish-Americans of the camp.

The Butte Gas Company has now been in operation but one short year, and during that time it has manufactured 9,609,540 feet of gas, which 163 consumers are consuming, the average cost of which is $3 per 1,000 feet. Mr. Nath C. Maher, a pleasing gentleman who has had six year's experience with the Chicago Gas Company, is at present the superintendent.

A pleasant party of young people assembled at the residence of A. M. Guild last evening in honor of a birthday anniversary of Miss Elsie Hall, which occurs to-day. The evening was entertainingly passed with an old-fashioned candy pull, after which an adjournment was taken to the rooms of Mrs. Thurston, where an hour's music and dancing was enjoyed. A prominent feature of the evening was the introduction into Butte society of Miss Susan Dusenberry. The guests dispersed with wishes to the young lady in whose honor the party was given of a long and happy life, with frequent occasions as pleasant as that of Monday evening.

CAUGHT AND CAGED.

A Utah & Northern Employe Detected in Robbing Freight Cars.

An important arrest was made on Saturday night last, which will in all probability result in further arrests of prominent residents of Silver Bow County at an early date. The facts were known to the editor of THE MINER at the time of the arrest, but at the request of the officers and in the interest of justice, silence was maintained for twenty-four hours.

officer of the company estimates that the thieves have stolen goods to the gross value of $10,000.

As a matter of course, a detective was quickly put on service, and a good one was selected, in the person of Mike Cleary, one of the oldest and trusted of the Utah & Northern special detective force.

For some six months it has been known to the officials of the Utah & Northern road, that a systematic course of robbery has been in progress on the line of the road between Dillon and Butte. Freight cars have been opened repeatedly and robbed of valuable wares, mainly dry goods. And after careful investigation he came to the conclusion that the head man in the robbing scheme was one Billy Dean, for a number of years a locomotive engineer on the road. In company with Deputy Sheriff James Fish, Dean was arrested at his house, in Silver Bow Junction. He resisted violently, but the handcuffs were put on his wrists and he was escorted to Butte and lodged in the county Jail. He stoutly maintained his innocence, but the fact that over $400 worth of goods, manifestly stolen from freight cars, were found in his house, in a false cellar, is pretty conclusive evidence that the man is guilty.

Dean has an exceedingly bad record. He was recently expelled from that most worthy organization the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for being interested in a saloon and ungentlemanly conduct. This expulsion occurred over thirty days ago.

The indications are that some important disclosures will be quickly developed and that prominent parties concerned with Dean in this wholesale robbery will soon be in his company behind the bars.

PERSONAL.

R. C. Wilson, from Bozeman, is stopping at the Windsor.

E. E. Corbin came over from Boulder yesterday on a short business trip.

Couture & Leford will hold one of their delightful socials this evening.

J. K. Mallory, from Anaconda, is a guest at the St. Nicholas.

H. Adams, of Denver, is registered at the St. Nicholas.

Miss Dorinda Powell will shortly pay a visit to friends in Helena.

Wm. Dustin is up from Miles City. He is stopping at the St. Nicholas.

W. Buck and wife, of Moose Creek, are guests at the Centennial.

F. Holbrook, one of the Pocatello's solid citizens, came up from there yesterday.

Miss B. S. Lawson came up from Stuart yesterday and is a guest at the Centennial.

C. H. Blake, from Helena, placed his autograph on the St. Nicholas register yesterday.

Major S. S. Reed, of Boulder, placed his autograph on the Centennial register yesterday.

J. A. Mackay came over from the capital yesterday and is stopping at the Centennial.

Thos. Ford and wife came up from Deer Lodge yesterday and are guests at the Windsor.

J. T. Quigley and wife came up from Anaconda yesterday to attend the lecture last evening.

Charles Gould, foreman of the Anaconda railroad shop, was visiting the South Butte shops yesterday.

The police force report the city quiet for the past week—hence but little Police Court business.

Quite a delegation of Anaconda's prominent citizens came up from there yesterday to attend Davitt's lecture last evening.

Col. Charles D. Curtis, of Helena, arrived in the city yesterday noon in company with Mr. Michael Davitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt, of Burlington, will leave in a few days for the East where they expect to spend the winter.

Mr. D. N. Dellinger returned last evening to his home at St. Paul. While here he was the guest of Mr. Jos. A. Hyde and J. H. Leyton.

Indian Agent Gallagher, from Fort Hall, Idaho Territory, was in the city yesterday and will return home to-day.

James F. Agler, the General Agent of the Union Pacific Railroad at St. Louis, left on last evening's train for the south.

Sam DeBow, of the Atlantic Fast Freight, left last evening for the Coast being well satisfied with Bob Grant's management.

C. O. Christopherson, from Glendale, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Centennial.

W. H. Trowbridge arrived from Helena yesterday. Mr. Trowbridge came over from the capital on a short business trip.

C. H. Carrol and John Toohey, from Garrison, arrived in the city yesterday. They expect to remain only for a day or so.

Maj. Blickensderfer, the efficient and popular Division Superintendent of the Utah & Northern Railroad, arrived in this city yesterday, by special car.

Mr. Lambert Molinelli, of the Helena Independent, made a flying trip to this city yesterday. THE MINER acknowledges a pleasant call from the gentleman.

Dominick Friler, from Wickes, an uncle of Louis Lieneman, is paying his nephew a pleasant visit. He intends visiting Louis' sheep ranch before he returns home.

C. P. H. Bielenberg, from Deer Lodge, came up from there last evening. Charley says that the Gold Hill lode is looking fine and he is going to work it for all there is in it.

M. A. Thompson, United States Indian Agency Inspector, was in the city yesterday. While here he was the guest of C. W. Scott, of the Utah Northern, who showed Mr. Thompson some of our mines and smelters.

Doctor Charles S. Whitford will shortly leave for a trip to the Pacific Coast. Charlie will be absent about thirty days. During his absence Doctor O. B. Whitford will attend to his practice.

United States Indian Inspector M. A. Thomas left for Spokane Falls last evening, where he goes to inspect the Indian agency which is located north of that point.

Charles Kennedy, General Agent of the Albert Lea route, arrived from the East yesterday and left for his headquarters at Portland, Oregon.

General Passenger Agent Boynton of the Albert Lea route made Butte a flying visit yesterday and is now en route to Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Mary Purcel returned to her home in Dublin Gulch yesterday, having spent a pleasant visit to Gregson Springs for the benefit of her health. The lady says she has greatly improved in health by her visit.

Frank Kramlich, of the American House, Walkerville, has just returned from a six weeks' visit to his parents in Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, whom he had not seen for ten years. His daughter accompanied and returned with him.

John O. Toole returned yesterday from a trip to Gregson Springs, where he has been having a good time for the last ten days. John weighed 195 pounds when he left, and what was his surprise yesterday on his return when he tapped the beam at 205.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Young Men's Democratic club held last evening at their rooms. Six hundred torches were ordered by the club: Over seventy names were added to the list. The club will turn out to receive Mr. Toole on his arrival in Butte shortly.

A LEADING IRISH PATRIOT.

One of Ir's Bravest and Most Distinguished Sons Visits Butte.

To-day one of Ireland's grandest sons, Michael Davitt, will visit Butte—a man who has suffered terribly and heroically for his opinion's sake and for the good of his fellow countrymen; a man whose mental attainments are only equalled by his bravery and endurance of cruel political oppression. The trusted friend of Parnell, the grand Irish leader; the founder of the Irish Land League; a brave, honest, suffering son of the Green Sod—it is safe to predict that the visitor will be grandly received.

Mr. Davit will arrive by the 12:20 train to-day from Helena. A delegation, consisting of Messrs. Pat Conlan and D. J. Hennessey, of the Butte Land League, and a similar committee from Anaconda, will meet the distinguished visitor at Stuart and accompany him from the train to the residence of Marcus Daley, Esq., whose guest he will be while in Butte. In the evening he will be escorted to the Grand Opera House, by the Emmet Guards, headed by the Emmet Band. There he will deliver a lecture on the land question. Mr. Daley has been selected to preside and will introduce Mr. Davit to the audience.

The following gentlemen will act as Vice Presidents of the meeting:

Rev. Father Tremblay, Rev. W. E. King, Rev. S. C. Blackiston, Rev. Samuel Wood, Rev. Mr. Shippen, Rev. Mr. Bennett, W. A Clark, Judge Galbraith, Hiram Knowles, George W. Stapleton, W. W. Dixon, John Forbis, S. DeWolfe, George W. Irvin, M. J. Connell, John Caplice, P. J. Brophy, H. L. Frank, T. Napton, Patrick Clark, Dennis Driscoll, M. Smythe, Michael Carroll, Ben Tibbey, W. E. Hall, George Lavell, W. Scallon, J. A. Murray, J. K. Robinson, J. J. McHatton, P. J. Maloney, Joseph Peters, Sylvan Hughes, Thomas Daly, E. D. Sullivan, Charles Warren, Sam Word, M. B. Brownlee, John J. O'Farrell, A. J. Davis, Sam Mulville, John Cadigan, John Gilligan, James H. Lynch, Capt. John Brannagan, Lieut. J. Murphy, Judge F. W. Cole, Lieut. Hurley, W. H. DeWitt, M. O'Rourke.

The committee will not tender Mr. Davitt a public reception, but during the after noon the spacious parlors of Mr. Daly's elegant residence will be thrown open to all of Butte's citizens who desire to shake the hand of the

FATHER OF THE LAND LEAGUE.

Mr. Davitt will leave for Leadville, Colorado, on Wednesday evening.

Those who have not already secured their seats for the lecture this evening should do so early this morning, so as to avoid a rush at the box office.

MICHAEL DAVITT'S EVENTFUL LIFE.

Of all the Irish patriots, scarcely excepting Robert Emmet, one of the bravest, purest and most self-sacrificing is Michael Davitt, to-day to be Butte's honored guest.

Mr. Davitt is only 40 years of age. He was born in the county of Mayo, the son of a poor farmer—one of the thousands of victims in the dreaded period of Irish evictions. When but 5 years of age, he saw his home destroyed and his parents beggared. In after life, in speaking of this cruel ejection, Mr. Davitt said:

"Trials and sufferings in exile for a quarter of a century, in which I became physically disabled for life; a father's grave dug beneath American soil; myself the only member ever destined to live or die in Ireland."

At an early age young Davitt pronounced himself an ardent Irish Nationalist. He took an active part in the work of the Fenians, and was a prominent actor in the unsuccessful attempt to seize Chester Castle. In May, 1870, he was arrested, and on the evidence of an infamous informer named Corydon, sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude, for alleged disloyalty to the British government. With other Irish political prisoners, he was subjected to terrible punishment and humiliation. After nearly eight years of terrible punishment he was released, and on his return to Ireland was enthusiastically received. Then Davitt came to America and visited his old mother, living in Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. Returning to his native land, fired with new vigor by his kindly greetings from Irish-Americans, he devoted his entire energy to the redemption of the Green Isle from the despolations of English landlords. He was the father, and still is, of the Irish Land League. Of late years, our distinguished guest, in company with Parnell, the great Irish leader, and the score of other brave and talented sons of Erin, has gloriously fought, in and out of Parliament, for the restoration of Ireland's right to free government, and of an Irishman's right to own and till fair Erin's soil.

DISTRICT COURT.

The District Court was convened yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, Judge Galbraith presiding. The following business was transacted:

The case of Werner vs. McNulty et al. was resumed and after argument by counsel the case was submitted to the jury about 3:30 p. m., after which the Court started to try the case of the Continental Oil Company vs. J. E. Rickards, which case was on trial when Court adjourned to meet this morning at 9 o'clock a. m.

A few ex parte motions were disposed of during the morning hour.

In the case of Harry Gassert et al. vs. Gustavus Bogk, the jury returned a verdict for plaintiff for the restitution of the premises in controversy—the Revere House—and for the sum of $2,175, rent since the first day of May.

C. Allen vs. John Lavell et al.; default and judgement heretofore entered in this action is set aside upon defendant's paying all costs of plaintiff heretofore incurred herein.

L. Byer vs. the Utah & Northern Railway Company; plaintiff's motion to set aside judgment, and to be allowed to demand complaint, is heard and taken under advisement.

Edward T. Lange vs. Sam Look; plaintiff's motion to require a new appeal bond is heard and taken under advisement.

H. C. Adams vs. A. Cisler; heard and taken under advisement as to amount of judgment.

N. B. Ringeling vs. Patrick Clark et al.; submitted on motion for new trial, and taken under adyisement.

John McGinley et al. vs. Shelley Tuttle; decree in accordance with stipulation of parties is approved, signed, and ordered entered.

Robert M. Elliott et al. vs John A. Leggatt et al.; decree presented, approved, signed and ordered printed.

H. S. Clark et al. vs. W. N. Aylesworth et. al.; judgment for plaintiff for possession of premises.

Emma Collins vs. Jno. Collins; default of defendent and cause referred to F. C. Webster, Esq., to take testimony and report facts.

S. S. Walker vs. Jno. Maguire; defaulted entered and cause referred to R. L. Davis to compute amount due.

W. H. Hopkins vs. J. H. Coleman et al.; default entered of all defendants except Mary Powell.

Hannah Hughes, vs. Benjamin Hughes, decree of divorce signed and ordered entered.

Butte Hardware Co. vs. H. A. Durkin et al., true name of defendant Mary C. Durkin ordered entered in pleadings; default of defendent entered and cause referred to R. L. Davis to compute amount due.

John Monford vs. James A. Maxwell et al.; default entered and referred to R. L. Davis to compute amount due.

Silas F. King et al. vs. Samuel Louis et al.; defendants' bill of exceptions signed and judgment ordered for possession of premises.

Harry Weibold vs. A. J. Davis et al., motion for new trial overruled.

Silas F. King et al. vs. John L. Thompson et al.; continued for the term.

Gustav Theodor Nickel was admitted to citizenship.

Ellen Meeney, convicted of drawing a deadly weapon, will be sentenced this evening.

The case of W. W. Wenner vs. M. McNulty was given to the jury late last evening.

A REPUBLICAN MEETING.

The Republican Grand Rally which was to be held in South Butte Proves a Fizzle.

The Republican grand rally which had been advertised to take place at South Butte was a dismal failure on Monday night. A few of the faithful had gathered in front of the K. of L. Hall at that place, and Mr. J. E. Rickards had kindly donated several coal oil barrels to have a bon-fire lit in front of the Hall. What was their surprise when they found it occupied by the Brotherhood of Firemen, who were holding a regular business meeting of their order. The announcement was then made to go to Charles' new store and hold their meeting there. Disappointment again awaited them; D. J. Charles was having a grand opening, and over fifty Democrats were just enjoying themselves with tripping the light fantastic toe. An invitation was given to participate in the dance which was kindly accepted, when the grand Republican rally was lost sight of.

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Obituary.

Not only the progressive city of Butte, but the entire Territory of Montana has lost by the death of Cornelius Murphy, of Walkerville, a citizen whom all honored that knew him, and who, by his benevolence, love of justice, and accurate judgment, won the respect of all who recognized the fact that an honest man is the noblest work of God. May he rest in peace.

Surveying Party.

Yesterday there arrived in this city Charles A. Griffith, W. W. Mark, H. Paine and S. T. Shaw, a party of civil engineers, who come to locate the line of the Montana Central Railway into Butte. They will endeavor to locate the line up Yankee Doodle Gulch and over the range towards Rimini. The party will go out in the mountains again this morning. From all appearances Butte will have the Montana Central cars running into this city inside of one year, and also the Wickes Branch of the Northern Pacific. Butte seems to be the objective point of all the railroads that enter Montana.

This Territory will have more miles of railroad built during the coming year than any previous year. The building of the Montana Central from Fort Buford, the Wickes branch to Butte, the Red Mountain road, and with the Union Pacific building a line to the head of the Yellowstone and into the Bitter Root country. Montana can well look forward to a bright future.

A Surprise Party.

Last Saturday evening a large party of the immediate friends of Mrs. T. F. Hickey, who lives just below Fred Scheur's on East Park street, surprised that lady by appearing before her, loaded down with a lot of mysterious looking bundles and packages which they deposited in convenient places around the room.

Mrs. Hickey, after a careful and critical survey of her visitors, arrived at the conclusion that they had come to stay awhile, and with that politeness and grace of manner for which the lady is distinguished, she soon made them feel at ease and at home.

Then the fun commenced. Music and games and dancing was indulged in for some time when the party were served with an excellent lunch.

Before the opening of the Sabbath the party had retired, but not before those numerous packages were opened and their contents presented to the estimable and surprised host. Among the list of presents was a beautiful baby carriage upon the top of which was a card bearing the following words:

To Mrs. T. F. Hickey and son with Compliments of

Ed. Zewicky,
R. E. McCarthy,
Reve Curin,
J. G. Merrill,
M. Gooldey,
Wm. Washburn,
J. L. Merrill.

MICHAEL DAVITT,

The Hero of Old Ireland.

Though this world-renowned Irish patriot might not recognize, in this great mining camp, any resemblance to the Emerald Isle—the land of his birth—as regards natural scenery, yet, the stentorian voices, coming from Irish throats, that greeted him on his first appearance in our city, must have satisfied him that the Land League, Home Rule and kindred subjects all more or less interesting to lovers of justice and freedom, found many warm supporters for Ireland and Ireland's cause. Michael Davitt lectured last evening to a most appreciative audience, his entrance at once arousing the enthusiasm of his countrymen, who were eager to award him a hearty reception. That he thoroughly deserves the world's applause is beyond a doubt. He is unquestionably the friend of the people; the friend of the poor, suffering peasants of ill-governed Ireland. Not born with a silver spoon in his mouth—quite the reverse—he has experienced poverty, and for years his large-hearted sympathy has been with his down-trodden people. Davitt was evidently born to become a leader in one of the most cruel struggles the present century has witnessed; a struggle between an intelligent race of people like the Irish, on one side, and an obstinate English aristocracy on the other.

Irish Home Rule will be a triumph attained in the near future and the names of Davitt, Gladstone and Parnell will be remembered in the hearts of the present suffering people. An Independent Irish Parliament is what the people want and are justly entitled to, and moreover they will fight for it to the bitter end, and at last will be rewarded. A firm belief in the issue of the controversy makes men like Davitt and Parnell keep their hands to the plough.

The lecturer last night was a living witness to the cause of Home Rule; he stood before us as an exponent of Irish wrong, and to engage the attention of willing listeners on a theme ever interesting and of great importance. It gives one the impression that he believes in success, ultimate success; that what his hand has found to do he will do with all his might. His position on the platform had a two-fold motive—firstly, to ventilate the subject of Home Rule for Ireland in this western territory; and secondly, to benefit the cause of the Land League. In appearance he conveys the idea of being a remarkable man. He might easily be picked out as a man born to command. His manner, voice and delivery carry much weight and there is a certain force which satisfies the hearers. He is no ordinary man. His life is so well known that we hardly need touch upon the many incidents that have crowded into his very eventful career. As he stands before us we hardly realize it is a man, *the* man who had spent years of his life in a solitary prison.

Marcus Daly, our representative citizen, presided; he had generously thrown open his house and home to the distinguished visitor and gave him all the opportunity of making the acquaintance, personally, of one of the most notable men of the present time.

The speaker, then being introduced, stood before the vast assemblage that greeted him with thunders of applause. Bowing his acknowledgement, his tongue was not slow to give utterance to words his heart felt, and Ireland's champion sought to reach the minds of his hearers and awaken an interest in the cause he spoke upon. His remarks were substantially as follows:

I wish to make a few prefaratory remarks to express the gratitude I feel when I look round this vast assemblage I realize your interest in the question I propose to speak upon to-night. I may say that I have traveled many thousand miles to come here, but I feel that it is well compensated for, when I think of the kindness and courtesy shown to me by your citizens generally. I shall carry home the recollections and your brethren will listen to the account of my reception in Butte City. The task I have set myself to-night is to put before you the policy relative to Ireland, without the effort of bringing forward grievances. Ireland and Ireland's cause have so often been ventilated with a long list of grievances that I will not venture touching upon them generally, but will confine myself to certain facts that I am here to speak upon. American heirs of liberty will readily understand why this anxiety of Home Rule is the burning question of the day for Irishmen. And perhaps patriots of other countries will be surprised when they hear of the wrongs of Ireland; that more direct methods are not used to obtain their desired result. I may say that I can prove that our cause under Parnell [cheers] will succeed in two or three years. We may say that it is not a false hope. We glance at the defeat of Gladstone, but do not look upon it as a disaster.

The proposal to give an Irish Parliament to its people was too sudden for the English to grasp. Gladstone's land scheme also was unpopular, then the unscrupulous tactics of the Tories all combined to check the movement favorable to Ireland. The ignorance and prejudice of the English people looking upon the cause as revolutionary, having a conviction that if there were an Irish Parliament it would be used as a lever to crush England and her power. One opposing element used to crush Home Rule was what is termed the Loyal and Patriotic Union, but it might well have been called the Lying Patriotic Union. Paid speakers belonging to it went far and near, raising a cry of alarm, then another female wing of the British aristocracy composed of duchesses, countesses and other titled dames collected money for their male friends to use with the plea of saving England from disgrace. One, and the one great factor in the cause of the defeat, was this, that Home Rule was not confined to the Irish ideas only; the question had been so well ventilated that Scotland and Wales began to think they wanted a parliament of their own; then again these was an objection with regard to the Land Purchase Bill to the Irish landlords being paid out of English pockets.

The split in the Liberal party, Lord Hartington's inveterate animosity and finally Chamberlain's inconsistent and dishonest policy conspired to defeat a desired measure that would eventually give the Irish a parliament of their own. Chamberlain, in 1885, had strongly urged the claim of Ireland, but to his disgrace, had contradicted his own words.

It had been said that Gladstone was a man with a heart, but Chamberlain an eyeglass and long purse. Now, to show the results of this Home Rule agitation the votes in Ireland were four and a half to one, and in Scotland three to two in favor of such movement. Had Gladstone had seventy thousand more votes Home Rule would have been sanctioned. Looking upon these broad facts we may consider our cause as a triumph. Progress is going on. In 1881 Gladstone ignored Irish affairs and Irish people and acted with despotic power. Five years after results are produced in effect all that should be asked. The Irish wish a peaceful and constitutional method, and the fight for this will eventually be successful. The application of Home Rule to Ireland is reasonable. For England to attempt to legislate for all the countries under the British flag is impossible. This Anglo-Irish struggle is not time wasted. The cause has become universal, and people must tire before the Irish will. In a letter written in 1846 the writer advocated giving them a parliament to get rid of them. In 1873 an Irish difficulty faced us. In 1879 again. In 1880 the Land League. In 1881, still the Irish question. In 1884 the Irish members in the English Commons have shown the people what obstruction can do, and the dull minds of the English people will soon wish to be relieved of the Irish question, which they have so long considered a nuisance. A little instance is given: Parnell & Co. have been obstructing affairs till the dinner hour, when a division was taken. A Colonel who was lame hobbled along, stood before Parnell and said, "What do you want? Take it and let me have my dinner."

The Americans do not understand the complications of English legislature. Local improvements are handicapped. Scotland is now convinced that she wants a home parliament, and demands self government. Wales desires the same. This Irish mov