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The Meagher county Republican convention nominated as delegates to the Constitutional convention, C. W. Cook and Thos. Dean, both of Smith river valley, and James Ferguson, of Armell's creek. The nominees are all well known Republicans, seem to give general satisfaction, and of whom, if elected, good and efficient work is expected.

We take pleasure in announcing to our readers that we have made arrangements whereby we are enabled to furnish subscribers with a copy of the MINERAL ARGUS and the Mining Review at \$5.50 per year.

The Mining Review is the best and most ably edited mining journal in the United States, each issue containing information of vital importance to everyone interested in or in any way connected with mining industries. We confidently expect that this opportunity to secure both the local press and the above journal, at the reduced price offered, will be appreciated. Both will be sent to any address on receipt of subscription.

What is needed in the Warm Springs Mining District more than any other one thing, and what we have reason to expect to see in course of construction by spring, is a smelter, capable of reducing fifty or one hundred tons of ore daily. The demand for reduction works of this kind is, if anything, in excess of the demand for stamp-mills. Thousands of tons of galena ore are now on the dump, all of which is high grade, awaiting the advent of capital to construct smelters for its reduction. The movers of this enterprise will reap a golden harvest, while the benefit to our camp will be unlimited. The pony smelter, constructed and operated by Davis & McPartlan, demonstrated the fact that the smelting ores of this camp are easy of reduction. We hope to see men of means take hold of this matter at no distant day.

For a while the Inter-Mountain Freeman, then the Union-Freeman, and now the Butte City Union, the outgrowth of the former two, is before us, this time under the management and editorship of T. P. McElrath, with Legh K. Freeman as traveling editor.

The Majors career as a journalist in Custer county is well known. He was the father of the Yellowstone Journal, of Miles City, then managing editor of the Press, of the same place, and more recently started the Junction City News—the latter appearing twice. Now he has found "green fields and pastures new." The editorial chairs are filled with a well matched pair. We hope cash subscribers will get more than two issues. Major, don't overlook the fact that a number of our citizens expect a remittance of three big, American dollars, paid you for your last break—the J. C. N.

The recent gold discoveries in northern Dakota go to prove Solomon's assertion that "Gold is where it is found." From old Fort Ransom, on the Sheyenne river, down below Lisbon

on the same stream, the gold belt extends, cropping out for long distances, the rock being of a dark gray color, and pronounced by experts to be easy of reduction. The Fargo Republican, under a boom heading, gives a plain statement of facts, and backs it up with reported assays which show up well, ranging from \$2.62 to \$210. in gold and \$37. in silver. Should the future development of these discoveries prove the existence of a good vein of paying ore, the ease of access to this region will materially assist in its rapid settlement, and give it a decided advantage over some of the old and far superior mineral districts. Two hundred and ten dollars to a ton of ore may be enticing to such as never lived in the heart of what is now universally being acknowledged to be one of the richest mineral districts known, but the assays will have to reach the thousands to attract the attention of miners here, or influence the capital of investigating purchasers looking this way for investment.

HOW TO MANAGE POLITICAL PRIMARIES.

We take pleasure in giving space to the following from the able pen of J. Rotwitt, our county clerk, as published in the Husbandman of Oct. 18th. It gives a general idea of the manner in which the chairman of the Republican committee performed his duty.

The so called "lack of interest" in the Constitutional Convention, in this county, is directly traceable to the dilatory manner in which the chairman of the two acting parties done their work.

Nearly every other county convention had an average, good representation from their various precincts, while the only delegates elected to participate in nominating the tickets for our county were those residing in White Sulphur Springs. Why? For the reasons above given and explained below.

The electors of east Meagher Co. feel as though they were intentionally disfranchised, and a repetition of such action, on the part of either party chairman, will work sad havoc at the polls to the offenders.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Oct. 17, '88.
For those not in the White Sulphur Republican ring, it may be of interest to know how to manage Republican primaries and county conventions:

First get the Chairman of the Republican committee; then get from three to five representative residents of the town; have them all drummed together, after dark, in the back office of Spencer, Mayn & Heitman's store; have it done as privately as possible. In a few minutes the organization is perfected and the primaries are fixed. This happened on October 11th, the result of a call of the chairman of the Republican committee, published for the first time in the local paper on the 9th inst., which is certainly good and sufficient notice to the vast number of Republican electors living from 50 to 150 miles away. The convention comes off on the 15th, two days after the primaries, also ample time for people in the Missouri, Musselshell and Judith valleys to appear en masse.

The consequence is that the three or five individuals referred to a love, to gether with two or three confederates, have a (so-called) county convention, in this case, not at the court house where it was to be held according to call over the chairman's signature, and where conventions are supposed to be held, but in a small office, on a back street near a lumber yard. There the irrepressible and indomitable five, by this time swelled in number to perhaps six or seven, nominated the Meagher county delegates to the Constitutional convention.

Not a precinct of the twenty-nine in the county is represented except White Sulphur springs; not a vote in the 65 precincts is cast except the five votes of the great Saratoga, and all in consequence of an insufficient call of the chairman, who let the proper time for making said call elapse until too late for almost anybody to reach the county seat. This may be called Republican if one don't care what he says.

Strange to say, after all, the result accomplished in such a hasty and irregular, if not crooked way, was rather surprisingly gratifying, as the chosen delegates to the Constitutional convention are all excellent men and well calculated to reflect honor on the county they represent. Probably there is no harm done by the summary and un-republican proceedings, but to guard against a recurrence of such scenes, when much injury might result to the county, I would draw the attention of the public to the above, vouching for every material allegation therein contained. L. ROTWITT.

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