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Hon. Martin Maginnis is on his way to Washington to fill his position as Montana's delegate in Congress.

California has a girl who supports herself by selling kisses at 10 cents a dozen.—Ex. That girl could make a fortune in Montana. We will take a job-lot at 9 cents.

A Toronto father compelled a medical student named Anderson to marry his daughter at the point of a revolver. Evidently a new way of "popping" the question.

A Brooklyn girl chased a thief, who had snatched her pocket book, two blocks, when he dropped it out of fright. It probably contained a car ticket and her winter's supply of spruce gum.

Gallatin valley business men are complaining about the freight rates charged by the Northern Pacific. If they lived 100 miles from the road and paid 3 cents a pound for bull-team transportation, the railroad company's charges would appear very reasonable.

David Van Arsdale, an 1812 veteran, and son of the man who tore down the British flag at the evacuation of New York, is dead. If Dave had lived a month or two longer he would have seen his old friend the Comet, which played a star engagement during that year. Its was lauded to the very sky.

The assessment rolls for Meagher county show 325 mules, 10,058 horses, 85,642 cattle and 204,566 sheep. The total property valuation of the county is about $4,250,000. Last year the books showed 235 mules, 7,042 horses, 70,371 cattle, 148,549 sheep. The total property valuation was $2,600,000

The vote on the proposition to abolish convict contract labor from the New York State prisons, so far as heard from, indicates that the proposition is carried by 250,000 majority. There are several other states where convict labor should be abolished and the party that favors such legislation deserves defeat at the polls. It is a scheme that works well for incorporated monopolies, but starvation to the honest laborer and skilled mechanic.

An Eastern telegram says that the standard dollar is repugnant to the people of the far West. That mendacious telegram got too far west to be believed. The standard dollar is popular throughout the whole Northwest. It is considered a most convenient coin, and is in active circulation. There is no prejudice against it in any State or territory of the Union, except among bondholders, speculating bankers and others whose interest it is that a single gold standard should be maintained and its relative value increased. If the standard dollar could be depreciated, it would enable wealthy corporations and manufacturers to make handsome speculations by paying their employes in silver at par.—Helena Herald.

Proclamation by the Governor.

TERRITORY OF MONTANA,
EX. DEP'T,
HELENA, M. T., Nov. 15, 1883.

The President of the United States has issued his annual proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 29th, to be observed throughout the Nation as a day of Thanksgiving.

In compliance therewith, and for the peace, prosperity, and health with which the Almighty has blessed us, I, John Schuyler Crosby, Governor of the Territory of Montana, recommend to the Territory a proper observance of that day.

The Tillinghast Failure.

While the closing down of the Collar mill in the Warm Springs district, for the lack of water, owing to the freezing up of a worthless wooden flume, has been quite a disappointment, and cast something of a gloom over our camp, the failure of Tillinghast & Co., and the the consequent shutting down of the smelter in the Barker district, is a disaster with which ours is no comparison. The crippling of either camp would be a severe blow to the mining interest throughout the territory, as it would tend to discourage capitalists, who are already timid enough, from investing in this region. At present things are in a terrible commotion at Barker, and the different creditors are placing lien after lien upon the property of the company. The smelter has been shipping bullion for several months past, and according to all reports was proving a paying enterprise, so the failure of Tillinghast & Co., must be attributed to other causes than the opperating of these works. It is hoped that Montana capitalists will come to the rescue of the Barker smelter and place it on a solid financial footing. Benton cannot afford to see so valuable a district, lying at its doors, paralyzed indefinitely, when right on the virge of success. It is reported the First National Bank of Benton levied the first attachment, amounting to $45,000, and the First National Bank of Helena, a second of $10,000.

We predict that Benton and Helena capitalists will get control of the smelter and that within a short time everything will be gliding along smoothly in our neighboring camp. We hope so at least.

Peter Cooper once said: "In all towns where a newspaper is published, every man should advertise in it, even if nothing more than a card stating his name and the business he is engaged in. It does not only pay the advertiser, but it lets the people at a distance know that the town you reside in is a prosperous community of business men. As the seed is sown so the seed recompenses. Never pull down your sign while you expect to do business."