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Political and Otherwise.

The superior speed of our American yachts was demonstrated by the Mayflower of yesterday. She defeated the Galatea twelve minutes.—Independent.

Now that they have got old Geronimo they don't know what to do with him. The Wild West show would doubtless pay a good price for him.—Independent.

The Northwest Territory cattle men are coming into competition with Montana now. They will export 50,000 head of cattle this fall. These are the British bluffers to whom the stockmen of this territory were selling calves, three or four years ago, at five and six dollars a head.—Madisonian.

Some men are imbued with the idea that they can inspire fear, and bulldoze every one they come in contact with, simply because the majority of the people they run against do not care to lower their dignity by engaging in a fight with a ruffian.—Democrat.

Geronimo is at last in the relentless grip of General Miles and the old veteran would not give him up to the whole Mexican republic. Now may the furies seize on the old rascal if he gets away this side of the happy hunting grounds. He has been a source of sore annoyance and should not be allowed to evade the vigilance of the authorities.—Independent.

If, as alleged, it is becoming yearly more difficult to purchase cavalry horses east why don't the government buy in the west? Montana can furnish thousands of horses fitting for high and weighing 900 lbs. and over, and in every way fit for cavalry service.—Democrat.

An anti-Mormon protest goes up from Idaho against the removal by the new marshal, Ezra Baird, of the employees of the marshal's office and the late Marshal Dubois. A correspondent of the Salt Lake Tribune, writing from Boise City, claims that it was through the efficiency of Dubois and his aids that twenty-three Mormons were sent to the penitentiary and 123 indictments returned for unlawful excommunication and that those same officials are now deposited because of their raid on the leprous saints. It is no wonder that the respectable people of the Panhandle of Idaho desire and demand the segregation of that section from the sin-stricken and saint-cursed territory and annexation to Montana. It seems that about the only live issue in Idaho is between the Gentiles and polygamists with the powers pretty evenly balanced. Something should be done to remove Idaho from the threshold which threatens it.—Independent.

It follows from the above editorial that President Cleveland's civil service policy is deserving of the strongest condemnation, but, in the face of what it says above, the Independent gives its unqualified support to the administration. We refrain from saying anything about consistency.

These Baker, editor and proprietor of the Madisonian, was nominated by the joint convention of Beaverhead and Madison counties for representative, but declined owing to press of private business. The people seem to be awakening to the fact that there is a good deal of working intelligence and reliable integrity on the Montana press this year.—Mr. Strehlein, of Every new county is to have its boundaries. How a general law can be made which will apply to all of the counties and get down the boundaries of a new county I do not know. The truth is I do not believe a practical general law can be made upon the subject. The Judge does not seem to be upheld in this opinion by the bar of the territory, so far as we have heard an expression. The Madisonian thinks a comprehensive general law might be passed and offers the following suggestions: A general law might provide for division by petition and election. Again such a law as that introduced in the Council by Hon. James Fergus at the last session of the legislature might be passed, providing for a commission to make a geographical division of the territory into counties, the political division to follow upon the acquisition of a specified population or wealth by each geographical division. Such a measure would doubtless secure a hearty support, as the territory seems to be sufficiently developed to indicate the proper boundaries for the future and certainly everybody is desirous of preventing local fights which are so unpleasant.—River Press.

Some citizens of Missoula recently addressed Judge Hiram Knowles asking an expression of opinion from him regarding the question of county division as affected by the "special legislation" act of congress. He said: "I think the effect of the law is that there can be no special acts for the division of counties. But how such a general law is to be practically applied, I do not see. Every new county is to have its boundaries. How a general law can be made which will apply to all of the counties and get down the boundaries of a new county I do not know. The truth is I do not believe a practical general law can be made upon the subject. The Judge does not seem to be upheld in this opinion by the bar of the territory, so far as we have heard an expression. The Madisonian thinks a comprehensive general law might be passed and offers the following suggestions: A general law might provide for division by petition and election. Again such a law as that introduced in the Council by Hon. James Fergus at the last session of the legislature might be passed, providing for a commission to make a geographical division of the territory into counties, the political division to follow upon the acquisition of a specified population or wealth by each geographical division. Such a measure would doubtless secure a hearty support, as the territory seems to be sufficiently developed to indicate the proper boundaries for the future and certainly everybody is desirous of preventing local fights which are so unpleasant.—River Press.

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MONTANA NEWS.

There were eighty-one quartz locations recorded in Madison county from April 1st to July 31st, 1886.

Shoshone Indians are reported to have killed 200 elk in the Big Horn Mountains simply for their hides.

Burglars went through the house of Gov. Hauser at Helena and got away with his pocket book and \$800.

B. C. Holly bought Lila Ferguson and Argo, the Oregon flyers, last week, paying \$2,500 for the two.—Inter Mountain.

Mrs. Zoe, a trapezist, fell from the suspended rings at the Conique, Butte, a few evenings ago, and her injuries resulted in partial paralysis of her body and limbs.

At the Custer County Republican convention, held last Saturday, the delegates placed in nomination for councilman Judge J. W. Strevell; representatives, Wm. Harmon, Thos. J. Ryan.

T. C. Power & Co.'s loss by the Missoula fire amounts to about \$15,000 with no insurance. The valuable books and papers were saved and a small portion of the stock.

John A. Gunn, special agent of the land bureau of the government in the district of Montana, has had his district changed to Montana.—Chronicle. We wanted to see this gun fired.

Bear are reported plentiful in Boulder valley. They are destroying cattle and other stock and the farmers have taken up arms to exterminate them, or at least diminish their numbers.

The Excelsior geyser in the Yellowstone Park, the most powerful geyser in the world suddenly broke out last week, and continued to play for over twenty-four hours. The Excelsior has been in a state of quiescence for over four years.

The Boulder Sentinel man in attendance at the late Fair, speaks of his ride to the grounds "in an old fashioned coach on which was perched a materialized dream of beauty that only the fair city of Helena can produce." Pretty neat.—Herald.

Dan Flowers is said to have a standing offer of \$250,000 to any person who will insure his herd of cattle this winter, making all losses good. Mr. Flowers has cattle on the ranges of Montana to the value of about \$1,000,000.—River Press.

The Montana Hospital and Aid Association, of Butte, has filed articles of incorporation, under the territorial laws. Its object is to build two hospitals in Butte. The incorporators are all Butte parties, and the capital stock of the association is \$100,000.

Charles Wilson, who is excavating on lower Main street for the foundation of Holter's block, has come to a bank of gravel on bed rock which he is hauling to Lawrence street, where it is being washed for gold through a set of sluice boxes. The gravel pays about a dollar to the wagon haul.—Herald.

Geo. R. Tingle, late of Glendive, but now coal commissioner for Alaska, has returned east and is at Washington giving an account of himself and the seals. Mr. T. was a member of the "late lamented" and not a very brilliant one either. How he managed to "catch on" so luckily has been something past finding out in Montana.—River Press.

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Lessons in Better Making.

Miss Smithard, a noted French dairy woman, recently gave a lesson on butter making before the Royal Agricultural Society, from which we condense the following suggestions:

1. The most rigid cleanliness in all things connected with the dairy. Filthy habits somewhere in the process is one cause of failure. All utensils have three washings first, well rinsing with cold water; second, well scalded with boiling water; third, again washed with cold water.

2. The human hands should never touch the butter in any of its stages, unless they are first washed in warm water, next in cold water and last in buttermilk. Bad-keeping of butter is largely owing to the use of the hand in making butter. Better use wooden utensils.

3. Cream should never be more than slightly soured when churning.

4. Commence to churn slowly and be sure the churn is well ventilated at first.

5. She churned with cream at about fifty-nine degrees. Always use a thermometer, and never depend on the finger.

6. To bring the cream to a proper temperature do not use hot or cold water as wanted, and keep stirring the cylinder in the cream to raise or lower the temperature as might be required.

7. She salted with brine instead of dry salt. The brine was made by mixing one pound fine salt with a gallon of water, to be added before the butter was taken from the churn, and just after the granular butter has been thoroughly washed with cold water. If the brine is too strong reduce by another washing of cold water. Referring to Normandy butter, she said it had driven all but the very finest English out of their own markets, owing to its excellent keeping properties; it came by sea, then land carriage, and after passing through several hands in the regular course of trade, it was sold by the retail dealer pure and fresh as when sent out from its foreign markets. Until English makers could produce butter of equal keeping properties they would have to submit to the severe foreign competition.

8. Always stop churning when the granules are the size of a pin head, and be careful never to begin washing with cold water until every drop of buttermilk is drawn from the churn.

9. Wash with cold water until the water runs clear.

10. Never leave the butter unwashed to do other work.

Prairie Dogs.

The prairie dog has for the last few years proved himself a very destructive pest to the farmer's crops. I consequently asked several farmers in regard to their extermination. I was told I should use corn or squash seeds, saturated with strychnine, or fumigate their homes and dwellings with sulphur; also, to use water to fill up their holes, etc. I, according to advice, tried an experiment with corn and squash seeds, which I placed before their holes without poison, to see if they would take the bait, but it was in vain, for it remained for two days without being eaten. I then tried white oats, and as soon as the dogs came out they consumed the oats, and now I have found out that it is a very easy matter to exterminate them with oats. Take one ounce of crystallized strychnine, which, in eight small vials cost me about \$2.25. This amount I put into a large bottle and filled up with alcohol or strong whisky, to dissolve the crystals. Shake often during twenty-four hours. Then take a common wooden water bucket, half fill with water, put in the dissolved strychnine, take clean, white oats, and fill up as much as the liquid will cover, let it stand over night, then take out the oats and place a sieve on top of the pail so as to save all the liquid for some more oats. After five or ten minutes the oats can be taken from the sieve. Now mix a good deal of sugar with the oats for strychnine has a bitter taste. Put before every hole about one table-spoonful of the prepared oats. After six hours I was surprised to see the good results, for I found twenty-two dead dogs in front of their holes and at the same time could hear howling and lamentations inside their holes, and at the same time could hear howling and lamentations inside their holes. Oats prepared in this way is the cheapest and best way to get rid of the pests. This would be the best time to exterminate them, for if done in the spring or summer the birds that would pick up the grain would perish.—Castle Rock Journal.

There are a number of very old brand advertisements published in the papers within the range country, but one of the oldest is that found in an Arizona paper. The advertisement in question is that of the "heart" cattle which range on Arastra creek and the Placitas, in Yavapai county. It is as follows: "To whom it may concern. Any person caught monkeying with any of my cattle without permission, will catch hell! Yours in Christ, Grizzly Adams." The fellow evidently means business and the rustlers had better beware.

The official statement of the North Pacific railway earnings for the month of August is as follows: In 1886, \$1,172,225; 1885, \$957,000.