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"Old Penn" will have a close shave, if he is not skinned entirely. Judge Brantly is crowding him hard.

The ubiquitous candidate can now hunt up his Thanksgiving turkey instead of the man with a vote.

About the only states in which Democracy made gains are those where the party repudiated free silver.

The picturesque Lewis of the state of Washington will not be in the next congress. A good Republican will occupy his seat.

Admiral Dewey telegraphs from Manila to Col. Roosevelt as follows: "Accept my heartiest and sincerest congratulations."

Hon. Charles A. Towne.

"Truth though crushed to earth will rise again." An able though insincere advocate can present a bad case so adroitly that it will have the semblance of truth. We often hear the expression, "he would almost make you believe that black is white." This power or gift when used to sway the masses is fraught with great danger to the republic, as false theories of government and of finance may be instilled into the minds of the voters and impulsively given expression at the ballot box.

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SPAIN MUST YIELD.

Result of Elections Has Strengthened the Administration's Hand.

New York, Nov. 11.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Instead of paying \$40,000,000 as an indemnity for the cession of the Philippines to the United States, President McKinley intends to reimburse her only for the debt of about \$1,000,000 expended in public improvements. President McKinley and his cabinet have carefully noted that the sentiment expressed throughout the country by the elections has been in opposition to the suggestion to indemnify Spain to the extent of those proposed.

As was put out by the authorities, it was intended to give the capital of the entire debt floated, with the Philippines as secured and amounting to \$40,000,000. What will be paid by the United States, according to the present intention of the president is the debt contracted by Spain for the establishment of lighthouses, harbor improvements and public buildings. All told, this does not amount to a very large sum, being fixed at about \$1,000,000. Friends of Spain say that it is an outrage for the President to offer such a small sum.

"Perhaps it would be the best thing for Spain if she would rid herself of the Philippines," said one of these gentlemen, "but surely it is not right that the United States should satisfy only a small portion of the debt, leaving her with the remainder on her hands and with a low treasury to meet it."

It is not believed in official circles here that Spain will withdraw her commissioners from Paris. She has no desire to loose the Canary islands, and she is apprehensive that in case of a resumption of hostilities the government of the United States would seize and perhaps hold them.

A high administration official says that in case of the withdrawal of the Spanish commissioners the United States would complete the military occupation of the Philippines and would take such other steps as it might deem advisable for the protection of this country's rights in the far East.

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ADVERTISED LETTERS.

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Teachers' Examination.

The regular quarterly examination of applicants for teachers' certificates will be held at my office at Lewistown Friday and Saturday, Nov. 18 and 19, 1898. This will be the last examination this year. J. M. PARRENT, County Supt.

In 1887 Mr. Thomas McIntosh of Allentown, Tenn., had an attack of dysentery, which became chronic. "I was treated by the best physicians in East Tennessee without a cure," he says. "Finally I tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. After using about twelve bottles I was cured sound and well." For sale by all druggists.

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Friday evening, at Culver's hall, a number of those who participated in the Society Minstrels will present a program for the benefit of Owen Couchman, the young man who lost his leg some time since while working in the sawmill at the N-Bar ranch. Mr. Couchman has been at the Lewistown hotel for nearly a month, his indebtedness for medical supplies, surgical attendance, nurses, board, etc., is more than he is able to meet, and having lost a leg, he will be unable to work, even after recovery. His brother is now with him and doing all that is possible, taking the place of a hired nurse.

Messrs. Hanke, Follmsby, Winans, Morrison and others have undertaken, with the assistance of a number of ladies and gentlemen, to place a considerable sum at Mr. Couchman's disposal, and every cent realized from the benefit, aside from hall rent and other necessary expenses, not exceeding \$15, will be given to the afflicted young man.

The program is an excellent one and the hall should be crowded. Reserved seats on sale at Williams' drug store. Program as follows:

- PART I. Opening number, Follmsbee's Laughable Farce, "The Whisper Hotel"; W. H. Winans and Follmsbee; "The Prodigal Son," Specialty, M. Kelly; Fancy Skirt Dance, Miss Mackey; Mahana Family; "The Little Hero," F. M. Winans; Kiddy, Lightning Sketch Artist, with Re-athletic Sketch; Weaver and Morrison; Foot Race, and Patels, J. Kidder; The Old and the New, H. Bernier; Song, "I've Been Faithful," Mabel Rathrop; Clogs, Reels and Jigs, Joe Redmond; Song, Specialty, Miss Mackey; Instrumental Solo, "Ocorina," W. H. Hooper; Parody, "The Whisper Hotel," Arthur Brown; Harmonica Solo, Ed Follmsbee; Song, Specialty, Miss Orpha Noble; "O'Brien's Raffle," Ed Follmsbee; Harmonica Solo, Joe Redmond; The Evening's Entertainment to Conclude with Winans' Comical Sketch, "A Case of Mistaken Identity," Cast: Mr. Simpkins, F. M. Winans; Mrs. Simpkins, Miss Jennie Long; Pat, the Servant, Ed Follmsbee.

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Fowler-Slater Contest.

Notwithstanding that special reference was made to the subject in our last issue before election and that in several instances letters were written to individuals requesting their attention, the election returns from Musselshell, Findon and Barrott only reached Lewistown in the official packages and consequently the result of the contest on assessor remained in grave doubt for several days and will not be positively settled until the board of canvassers meets tomorrow.

As will be seen by our tabulated returns published in another column, Mr. Slater has seven majority over Fowler for assessor, but a report is current that Fowler received 6 majority at Musselshell and 16 or 17 at Findon. The latter report is from Alex. McMillan, a voter of the Findon precinct, who was in town Sunday and says that Mr. Fowler received 17 votes there, but whether there were 17 or 18 votes cast he does not remember. On the basis of a majority of 16 at Findon and 6 at Musselshell Mr. Fowler would lead Slater by 15 votes with the Barrott precinct unreported. Barrott has but eight votes and Mr. Fowler expects a majority of one or two, so it may reasonably be stated that Donald Fowler will be our next assessor.

Had some voter in each of these three precincts sent the result to some party in Lewistown, Messrs. Slater and Fowler would have been saved much anxiety and their friends several dollars.

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- City Property. A four room cottage on Main street next to court house, two lots, stable and good well, very convenient and only \$1,000. One year time for \$50 at eight per cent. The best and cheapest snap on the list. \$500 for two lots, fence, good stable, log house, fine well, best location. Very cheap. A neat four room cottage, one lot, near Sixth avenue, with stable and wood shed, a snap at \$700. A five room frame cottage, 2 lots, good well and wood shed, centrally located, at \$1,150.00. Easy terms. A six room cottage on Main street, very convenient to court house and business part of town, one lot with stable, good cellar and well. Very desirable property and can be bought for \$1,400. \$1,150 will buy a six-room dwelling on Main street, east side; in good condition and very desirable property. No Extra Fares. Five lots and two cottages on east side, cheap; will sell apportion. A vacant lot on Main street, west side; suitable for business; will be sold at a low figure. Two lots on Washington street, with good barn and chicken house and twenty loads rock, and enclosed by good fence; choice location for residence. A five-room cottage, furnished; will sell with or without furniture, or rent and sell furniture; possession immediately.

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