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The Bozeman contingent put on their night-shirts in large rubber-stamp letters: Our town is the next capital of Montana in spite of fire, high-water or returning boards.

The Red Lodge Picket has received a compendium of the tenth census of the United States and other public documents from Hon. Thomas H. Carter for which we return thanks.

The free coinage would make us all happy and prosperous but if we wait for the republican party to bring this about the gooseberries in our backyards will grow into grey-headed dust.

There must be a very tantalizing charia about the name of Wilbur F. Sanders. The democrats are always trying to profane the name by vile curses. It is the towering superiority of Sanders that causes the stomach of the democratic party such execrating pain.

Thomas C. Power is very popular with some of the lobby girls. His glorious intellectuality is being wasted on a cheap human commodity and the nation at this moment is panting like a lizard for a solution of the tariff problem. Statesmen as well as barkeepers, are ungrateful.

The people of Montana should commence to make preparations for an exhibit at the world's fair and let no state on the Pacific slope surpass us. The mining men of Montana ought to make a showing on this occasion that will forever put to shame the rest of the world.

The soil of this portion of Park county is so rich and oily that a man's clothes when bespattered by mud—look as though he had been hugged by a greasy female cook. Remember we are not speaking from intelligent experience gentle reader. We are only painting one of our crude kitchen comparisons.

Senator W. F. Sanders is going to do something in the senate so we can have plenty of water for irrigating purposes. We would like to see Senator Sanders grow eloquent on the subject of water just once. We have known him for years and have the first time to see the old codger take a drink of anything but straight whiskey.

The esteemed Butte Miner tries to convey the idea that Hon. W. F. Sanders is a terrible big fish in Montana, but in Washington he is nothing but a diminutive little minnow. We know one thing about Senator Sanders and that is this: that when any of those eastern senators pick the old gentleman up for a rank-red-mouthed sucker they will get most gloriously left.

Hon. Will Kennedy is supremely happy as the Single-Tax Convention meets at Boulder, on Thursday, June 5th, 1890. Kennedy is an indefatigable worker in anything that he undertakes and if he would let wild political foibles go to the dogs and attend strictly to his news paper business he would not be compelled to wear old clothes to keep the wolf out of the kitchen.

Fort Benton is so docile that it is becoming the receptacle of all of the animal creation. The coyotes walk boldly up to the renowned apple tree belonging to Col. Daniel Searles and nibble the leaves off of it. The fruit is, however, left on the tree as an advertisement to show the fruit growing resources of the great Milk river country in general and the eastern pilgrims in particular.

We suppose the object of the firemen's meeting at Butte of representatives of Helena, Anaconda, Butte

and Bozeman was to organize a firemen's big four and issue from their State Firemen's Association charters to all of the small towns that have fire organizations. We refuse to countenance any such plan. If it is the intention to form an association and have all the towns in that have fire departments Eli is perfectly willing to acquiesce.

Philipsburg is the name of a small hamlet in western Montana. It aspires to be a county-seat. The town is one hundred miles from civilization, two hundred from wood and water and if you were to tell the inhabitants of the town that the blessed Saviour was crucified to save the sinners of Montana—they would innocently ask you who Christ was anyway. This is the place to send your sleek, well-fed missionaries, and let the culture of China take care of itself.

From the manner in which Helena is maneuvering and manipulating the different interests of the state one cannot come to any other conclusion than that the capital city aspires to be the center of gravitation. The attempt of Helena to organize a state firemen's association with headquarters at the capital without consulting Red Lodge and other towns that have organized fire departments is a piece of rounder arrogance and hog impudence unparalleled in the nineteenth century. Such monumental gall should be canned and saved for campaign purposes this fall.

All who believe that the earth belongs to the people should attend the Single-Tax State convention. We believe that the earth belongs to the people who have bought and paid for it—whether they be a gold baron or a newspaper pauper. If an English lord owns ten millions of acres of land and his necessity paid for it—the land is as justly his as the inheritance of a feather bed or an old grey mare. There is no communistic sentiment in our bones and if exclusive ownership leads to slavery then give us slavery. No free love in ours when it comes to the ownership of property.

The Billings fire laddies enter a vigorous and manly protest against the meeting at Butte and drafted a set of resolutions that would chill the blood in the veins of every trick in the representatives of Helena, Anaconda, Butte and Bozeman in leaving out Red Lodge, Livingston, Billings, Missoula, Great Falls, Miles City and Fort Benton. Such conduct is calculated to put the State Fire Association down in the minds of the public in anything but pleasant light. The towns that were ignored at the meeting are worthy of recognition as they all have well organized departments. And can put any conflagration out from a Lucifer match to a prairie fire. We don't want any snap judgment in ours and we won't stand it.

The American people want to know if Germany can get along without the brain power of Prince Bismarck. Our free-born American citizens can rest easy on that proposition. Bismarck like a good many old bible-back politicians of Montana, has outlived his usefulness and to have figured as one of the most conspicuous figures in modern times he should have died ten years ago. There never was, nor never will be a man born who is indispensable. If Prince Bismarck or Wm. Gladstone would die to-morrow we would never know they had lived three months hence—only as great statesman and good men. We hope that the emperor of Germany will let the German government go plumb to destruction before he dares to re-instate Bismarck. We think it is time to let any man go when he gets so mashed on himself that he thinks the rest of the world can't get along without him. It is a specie of big-headedness that don't go down well with us.

**AN UNJUST ACCUSATION.**  
 For several months we have been noting the different lies that have been told in regard to the Rocky Fork coal and this week note in the Yellowstone Journal the ten thousandth lie. The unjust accusation is made by Col. Sam Gordon, a man who is ripe in years, and profound in ignorance—so far as Red Lodge Coal is concerned. It seems that there has been a prairie fire raging in the vicinity of Tongue river, caused by cinders

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