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## Legislature.

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#### Montana Legislature.

HELENA, Jan. 8, 4 p. m.—Both Houses of the Legislature adjourned until to-morrow without effecting an organization.

#### Gold in New York, 7 1/2.

#### James Gordon Bennett Cow Hided.

NEW YORK, January 4.—The city was considerably excited last night over the Bennett scandal. Several versions of the assault are afloat, and the reason of the assault is not absolutely known. The Times has several columns, from which the following are extracts: May provided himself with a cow hide, and lay in wait for Bennett in front of the Union Club. On the latter's appearance he was assaulted, beaten and thrown down. Accounts are somewhat conflicting on the point as to whether Bennett offered resistance or not. The fracas was witnessed by a number of persons, including several members of the Union Club, and other gentlemen who were in the neighborhood and were attracted by the occurrence to the scene of action. The tidings of the affair spread rapidly, and before evening formed the prominent and almost sole topic of conversation at many of the clubs and hotels.

#### CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

DECEMBER 30. The storm of yesterday caught 34 men, employees of the coast wrecking company, on board the Circassian, and a short time after midnight the ship went to pieces, with an awful crash. According to accounts, four of the survivors were washed ashore this morning, more dead than alive, in fragments of the wreck. Not one of the remaining 34 had been seen or heard from up to the present time, and there is but little doubt that all have perished. The Circassian was insured for \$100,000 in London, and her cargo for \$90,000 in this city.

On Wednesday last the Indians made a dash into Spearfish, Black Hills, and run off a large herd of horses. Wm. Smith who witnessed the transaction, gave the alarm and a number of mounted men started in pursuit of the Indians and recaptured all but twenty of the horses. The Indians, about fifteen in number, escaped.

#### JANUARY 2.

The New York Legislature convened to-day. The Democratic wing of the Louisiana Legislature sent a communication to Gov. Kellogg, who refused to recognize them.

The Supreme Court of Florida now says that it has nothing to do with the count of electoral votes. It is the vote on State officers that must be recounted.

The Democratic certificates of Presidential electors in Louisiana and South Carolina were delivered to Senator Ferry to-day.

Governor Hampton has issued an address, calling upon all faithful, law-abiding and loyal citizens who desire to maintain the government of their choice to come forward promptly and pay ten per cent of the amount of taxes paid by them last year. Governor Hampton says: It is for the people of South Carolina now to determine whether they will support the government which they have installed or an attempted insurrection, which is only upheld by the bayonets of Federal troops.

The inauguration of Gov. Drew took place to-day. The Legislature is organized in both branches, and both Democratic.

#### WASHINGTON LETTER.

##### SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 29, 1876. Yesterday was one of the most thorough winter days we have had since February last. It commenced with rain, continued with a heavy sleet and ended with a deep snow. This morning is rather spring-like; large fires indoors and overcoats outdoors are somewhat at a discount. The clerk of the weather seems to be acting with us as food mamma have been sometimes known to act with a naughty child—lather it like blazes one minute and give it bread and butter with sugar on it the next. But, to be serious, it is really surprising that pulmonary complaints are not more prevalent in and about this latitude than in any other portion of the Union, for we are certainly subject to more sudden and extreme changes than any of our fellow-citizens, but, notwithstanding this fact, Washington is a healthy city.

In the Senate yesterday the only measure of general interest under consideration was the resolution offered by Mr. Wright, of Iowa, asking that the bill to reduce the President's salary from \$50,000 per annum to \$25,000, and which was vetoed at the last session, be taken up and passed over the veto. The question was discussed by Messrs. McCreary and Conkling in favor of the reduction, and Messrs. Bayard and Hamlin as opposed to it. It was, by a vote of 25 to 19, decided to let the salary remain at \$50,000.

The question as to how and where the electoral vote is to be counted seems of paramount importance in public opinion. Mr. Ferry is reported to have said that the Senate will not, as has always been the custom, go over to the Hall of the House, and multitudes of recent graduates from the public schools suffering with a slight attack of cacethes scribendi rush into print upon the political situation. One sagacious youth proposed that Hayes and Tilden run a foot race for the coveted position from the Capitol to the President's home. Another, an advocate of science, proposes a game of cards,—and one innocent youth, still mindful of nursery customs, proposes that they draw straws. I am only surprised at the editors for publishing such trash, and would never have noticed it but to show how prominent a topic this political complication has become.

Senator Wright, of Iowa, proposes as an adjustment of the difficulties that after the count of the electoral vote by Congress in joint convention, either candidate, when dissatisfied with the result, may file an appeal to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who, if he finds the appeal based upon good and sufficient evidence, shall appoint a board of arbitration, consisting of seven members, of whom he shall be one and the other six chosen from the District and Circuit Judges of the United States, three of each political party. This board shall convene within ten days after the appeal is filed, and the appeal, taking precedence of all other business, shall be heard at once and a decision rendered as soon as possible. If the appellant is not satisfied with this arbitration, he may appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, which shall be the final tribunal. In case the decision is in favor of the appellant, and against the person who may have been inaugurated, the latter shall surrender all executive authority, and the person in whose favor the decision is made shall be inaugurated at such time as the Supreme Court shall decide.

SAXON. Nasby has a new signature and a new "mission." It is now Petroleum V. Nasby, Ex-R former, and he tells of his new mission in the following words: My mission henceforth, will be to collect funds among Northern Democrats to establish a hospital for decayed Kentuckians which expected posthumously under Tilden. I shall appeal for a million, and of that I shall bowels into them they will respond liberally. I shall present myself as a sample, and if my wo-begone face don't fetch em they must hev harts of ston.

"Pa," said little Jimmie, "I was very near getting to the head of my class to-day."

"How is that, my son?"

"Why a big word came all the way down to me, and if I only could have spelt it, I would have gone clear up."

The L. e Monument Fund now amounts to about \$25,000.

Try Bennett's Magic Cure For S. l. e at the city drugstore.

#### MONTANA NOTES.

Maj. Chas. S. Medary, U. S. Indian Agent who was recently indicted on the charge of selling government property and applying the proceeds to his own use, was tried at the last term of the U. S. Court and promptly acquitted. The jury without leaving their box rendered a verdict of "not guilty."

A party was held in the assembly room of the graded school, at Helena the other evening, for the benefit of the Library Association, that netted \$250.

Mrs. J. F. Forbis, of Helena, met with a serious accident last week. While out walking in front of the family residence she slipped and fell on the frozen ground with such force as to break one of her limbs.

The Auditor and Treasurers report for the past year is being printed at the expense of the United States.

The last run on the Little Giant lode, on Indian creek, yielded \$75 per ton.

The farmers of the Missouri valley are not yet through threshing grain.

The Butteites are going to try once more to close their stores on Sunday. Some of them will see a silver quarter and right there he will open his door wide enough to let it in.

The Christmas tree at Butte did not give satisfaction.

The quartz interests around Diamond City are looking up.

A horse fell into a shaft eight feet at Avalanche gulch; he was missing twenty days, and when found was mad with hunger.

We clip the following, written by a Confederate officer, and commend the sentiment to our warlike friends:

Ye soldiers of America, In civil warfare proved, Whether you gained what valor sought Or lost the cause you loved; Come forth again, and close around The ancient standard throng, And strong let your song O'er the storm of faction rise: "The Blue and the Gray against the world For all that freemen prize!"

The spirits of your fallen Shall start from every mound Where they lie cold, and lift the strain From consecrated ground: Where Hill and gallant Wadsworth sleep Shall swell the mighty sound, As strong peals your song, And echoes to the skies: "No slavery for North or South Till every soldier dies!"

Our freedom has no champions So royal to the core As these who 'mid the thund'rous guns Their harness bravely wore; They loved the sacred boon of peace, Whatever flag they bore; And their cheer rises clear, As they march to save the land, With starry flag o'er Blue and Gray, All brothers hand in hand!

The day-star of our country Shall yet triumphant shine; They will not stop to nurture wrath Whose blood has poured like wine. Then peace shall hail you warriors, And crown your work divine, And your name all aflame With bloodless glory won, Shall live till History's voice is mute, And Freedom's life is done.

—["A Confederate Officer."]

#### EMIGRANT ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Aylsworth assisted by their accomplished daughter gave a "big" Christmas dinner, and every body in (and a great number out of) the district, except three, partook of the sumptuous feast. The guests were highly entertained, and enjoyed themselves hugely. Altogether the affair was a grand success, and will be long remembered by all. In the evening a grand ball was given, and was kept running about all night.

Cone & Lee are still driving their drift into the mountains, and with good prospects.

The snow is deeper in Emigrant Gulch now than at any other time since 1866.