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Kindly look over the following list and see if we can supply your wants. In everything we mention our assortment is very large, and styles attractive. Our store is centrally located, and is better arranged for the comfort and convenience of customers than any other store of its kind in Montana.

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We Carry Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Rings for Men, Women and Babies, Lace Pins, Brooches, Garter Buckles, Belts, Watch Chains, Neck Chains, Lockets, Charms, Fobs, Silver Buttons, Bracelets, Studs, Collar Buttons, Hat Pins, Hair Pins, Embroid Pins, Fan Rings, Baby Pins, Scarf Pins, Trimbles, Spectacles, Match Boxes, California Gold Jewelry, etc., etc.

In Solid Silver Goods

We Have Combs, Hair Pins, Hat Pins, Spoons, Forks, Match Boxes, Fancy Pieces in Cases, Cups, Tea Trays, with Richings of Montano and Women's Building at the World's Fair, Cigar Cutters, Paper Knives, Book Marks, Children's Sets, Souvenir Spoons, Trimbles, Napkin Rings, Garter Buckles, etc., etc.

In Silver Plated Ware

We Have Tea Pitchers, Tea Sets, Coffee Baskets, Berry Dishes, Casters, Butter Dishes, Mustache Cups, Children's Cups, Syrup Pitchers, Pickle Casters, Butter Plates, Salt Cellars, Crumb Trays, Ink Stands, Calendars, Thermometers, Tablets, Mirrors, Brushes, Combs, Salad Bowls, Coffee Sets, Glove, Handkerchief and Jewel Boxes, Soap Boxes, Cut Glass Salts and Peppers, Photograph Frames, Napkin Rings, Pin Cushions, Smoking Sets, Salters, Baking Dishes, Pap Bowls, Saucers and Creams, Children's Sets, Rogers' Spoons, Knives and Forks, Cologne Stands, Tooth Pick Holders, Match Holders, Boy-Rom Trays, Bread Trays, Liquor Flasks, Plaques of the Butte and Boston Smelter and Porcelain Mine, Lamps, Water Pitchers, Table Knives in Steel, Pearl, Ivory and Celluloid.

In Miscellaneous Goods

We Have Gold and Silver Heated Cases and Umbrellas, Field and Opera Glasses, Carving Sets, Marble, Onyx, Iron, Gilt, Wood and Nickel Clocks, Ivory, Tablets, Wostenholm Pocket Knives, Fine Razors, Scissors, Shears and Ladies' Leather Card Cases and Pocket Books.

Hight & Fairfield, JEWELERS, Butte City, Montana.

Corner Broadway and Main. Second Store in Boyce Building.

SENATOR GIBSON DEAD.

After a Long Illness the Louisiana Statesman Passes Quietly Away. HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 16.—After a lingering but apparently painless illness Senator R. L. Gibson died at 9:30 p. m. At the time of his death he was surrounded by the members of his family and several close friends, who wept bitterly when it was seen that the noble-hearted man was dead. Senator Gibson passed away as though he had merely gone to sleep. There was no struggle, no suffering. He had been confined to his bed since the 13th of November, since which time his death has been expected daily.



SENATOR GIBSON'S FUNERAL. It Took Place at 11 a. m. in Lexington, Ky. LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 19.—The remains of Senator Gibson arrived here at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon. They were removed to the residence of Colonel Hart Gussion on the Harrodsburg pike, just beyond the city limits, from where they were taken to St. Paul's Catholic church at 11 o'clock this morning, where the funeral services took place. The delegation appointed by congress to be present at the burial and pay the last respects of that body to Senator Gibson arrived Sunday night and registered at the Phoenix hotel. A number of friends from New Orleans and elsewhere were also here.

OFFICIAL COUNTS.

Wisconsin. MADISON, Wis., Dec. 16.—The state board of canvassers has completed their canvass. The official vote for president is: Cleveland, 177,436; Harrison, 170,761. The plurality of the Democratic state nomination are: Peck, for governor, 7,595; Jones, for lieutenant governor, 6,763; Cunningham, for secretary of state, 7,334; Hanner, for treasurer, 8,932; O'Connor, for attorney general, 7,708; Willis, for state superintendent, 6,297; Thompson, for railroad commissioner, 7,297; Roer, for insurance commissioner, 7,318. Peck's total vote was 117,093, being the greatest ever given any candidate in Wisconsin. The total prohibition vote is 12,185, and Labor 9,608. The constitutional amendment requiring city charters to be in form was ratified by a majority of 6,673.

New York. ALBANY, Dec. 16.—The vote of the state of New York on electors—the vote given being the highest received by any one elector on the respective tickets—as follows: Democratic, 634,943; Republican, 600,459; Prohibition, 34,193; Socialist Labor, 17,918; People's, 16,430. The vote shows that the plurality of the highest Democrat over the highest Republican elector is 45,449.

Illinois. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—The official count for electors has been completed by the secretary of state as follows: Weaver, 10,439; Harrison, 8,153; McCannell (Rep.) for governor has 1,409 plurality.

South Carolina. COLUMBIA, Dec. 16.—The official vote of South Carolina in the recent election for president is as follows: Cleveland, 51,995; Harrison, 48,854; Weaver, 2,119; Bidwell, none.

South Dakota. PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 16.—The official vote of South Dakota is: Harrison, 34,888; Cleveland, 9,081; Weaver, 26,512; Bidwell had no votes.

Nebraska. OMAHA, Dec. 16.—The official vote of Nebraska: Harrison, 37,318; Weaver, 23,134; Cleveland, 24,943.

IS PASSING AWAY.

LIFE OF JAMES G. BLAINE TREMBLING IN THE BALANCE.

He Has a Sinking Spell from Which He Was with Difficulty Revived—It Is Now Admitted by All That He Is in a Very Critical Condition—Latest Reports from Physicians Say that He Is Slightly Better. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—All day Mr. Blaine hovered very close to the line separating life from death, and it was realized that if any further complication set in there was little if any hope for him. His condition, it is true, has shown a slight improvement, but hardly such as to give grounds for any real hope.

Mr. Blaine may live for some days. He may live for an even longer period. The disease from which he is suffering is such that a week is not a long period in its progress, but he will never again be a well man. He may die at any time. The physicians themselves admit that it is impossible to predict what changes may occur. Little chance for the better is to be hoped for. All the members of the Blaine family are now here. Mr. James G. Blaine, Jr., and Miss Harrie Blaine were both summoned home, and Mrs. Emma Blaine, the widow of Mr. Blaine's son, has also joined the household. It is understood that they all realize Mr. Blaine's condition.

Dr. Briggs' Defense. THE HERETIC PROFESSOR'S SPEECH IN HIS OWN BEHALF APPOINTED. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Rev. Dr. Briggs resumed his defense before the New York presbytery. He commenced his argument with a discussion of the discipline of the church. He did not recognize the infallibility of the pope, and most certainly he did not recognize the infallibility of the Presbyterian general assembly. The prosecution, he claimed, had perverted his statements in his inaugural address, and had misrepresented his meaning, if they had studied and understood the true intent of his assertions they never would have made the blunder they have made.

After quoting at length from his inaugural address, and citing passages from the scriptures in support of his position, he exclaimed with uplifted hand: "Standing in the divine presence, and weighing well every word I say, I welcome this contest, and, as you stand in the presence of a higher court than any organized by man, I challenge you upon your faith, and trust in God to a righteous verdict." There was an outburst of applause, especially from the crowded galleries. The presbytery adjourned to meet Monday.

EXTREME WEATHER. KANSAS SUFFER FROM COLD AND LACK OF FUEL—GREAT LOSS OF STOCK. HORTON, Kan., Dec. 20.—The extreme winter weather that has prevailed in Western Kansas this month, has caused much suffering among the settlers. There has been much snow and the weather has been very cold. Cattle have been deprived of the grazing and storms have been so extensive that it is almost impossible to keep the settlers supplied with sufficient fuel to keep them warm. It is manifest that if the weather continues throughout the winter as it has been for the past three weeks there will be much suffering among the poor settlers in the western and northwestern counties, and a great deal of stock will perish for want of food.

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Horses Cremated. WINDSOR, Mo., Dec. 19.—At 10:30 p. m. the livery stable of J. M. Hall was discovered to be on fire, and in a very few minutes had burned to the ground, consuming sixteen head of horses and fourteen buggies and carriages. Only one horse escaped, and it was badly burned. The fire was of incendiary origin. A key was stolen from the front door a few days ago, and when the fire was discovered the doors were fastened, the whole interior being a mass of flames.

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ARE MEN-OF-WAR.

Three British Alleged "Revenue Cutters" Are Modern Naval Vessels.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 20.—The Blade published a long article descriptive of the three English alleged revenue cutters now lying in Owen sound, on the north shore of Georgian bay. According to the Blade's representative, who visited the place, these vessels are men-of-war, any one of which is capable of knocking into splinters all the floating armament which the United States now has on the great lakes. They are capable of running through the smallest canal in the lake system, and their armament is the most complete of its kind known to modern naval warfare.

The fleet which is under the command of Lieutenant Commander McGregor, is manned by British sailors, and orders are received direct from the British admiralty office in London, and the Canadian officers have nothing whatever to do with them. The old men-of-war Michigan, which alone upholds the flag of the United States on the great lakes, is, according to The Blade, of no use on land or sea, and the three revenue cutters, Andrew Johnson, Perry and Fessenden, will be of even less utility in time of war. There is then, The Blade declares, absolutely nothing to prevent the English laying in ashes every lake port in the states. Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit would be, in case of war, forced to surrender within forty-eight hours. The cruisers have been placed in Owen sound, it is alleged, to prevent the "States" from feeling too secure.

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NEWS OF THE STATE.

A WEEK'S RESUME OF MONTANA'S MOST NOTABLE EVENTS.

News, Notes and Gossip Concerning Matters of General Interest—The Doings of People and the Record of Affairs Condensed for Our Readers. C. C. Wylie, of Bozeman, has made an application for the position of chief clerk of the state board of land commissioners. E. R. Russell, of Great Falls, has been appointed by the supreme court to take testimony in the disbarment proceedings against Richard M. Baum.

Granville Stuart, state land agent, has so far selected 259,000 acres of land out of the grant to the state of 922,000 acres by congress for school purposes. In Beaverhead county he selected 80,000 acres of good wheat land. In the case of Mrs. Pushman, of Butte, charged with the death of her infant child, has been held to answer, without bail, to the district court. The husband was discharged.

Hamilton, alias John Burns, was hanged in Missoula last Friday for the murder of Maurice Higgins, last August. Burns stoutly maintained his innocence to the last and on the scaffold made no confession. His neck was broken by the fall and death resulted in a very short time. At Butte, last Monday, Robert Thompson was picked up in the street in an insensible condition and conveyed to his home, where he soon after died. Attending physicians expressed the opinion that Thompson had been drugged and that death was the result of opium poisoning.

Ellis Bros' dry goods and clothing store at Dillon was robbed Monday night. The thieves forced an entrance through a rear window and stole \$100 worth of goods, including a fine chinchilla overcoat and ten or twelve pairs of men's trousers. No clue has been found to the perpetrators. A consignment of 9,000 trout has been received from Colorado, through the U. S. Fish commission, and placed in the waters of Sun river and Belt creek. The trout are two years old. A large number of bass also are to be placed in Sun river. It is the intention of the commission to stock the streams of Montana with fish, and the coming legislature will be asked to pass laws for their better protection from "poach-ers."

The following companies filed articles of incorporation with Secretary of State Rowlett this morning: The Aurora Mining and Milling company, with E. Spradling, O. N. Perry, W. C. Siderlin, O. N. Peters, M. Suel, C. G. Ferrell and Joan Driscoll, of Silver Bow county, incorporated. Their object is to operate mines and mills, build and operate roads and tramways, lease and locate timber lands, construct saw mills and locate and lease water rights. The capital stock is \$200,000, in \$1 assessable shares. Operations are to be carried on in Silver Bow and Deer Lodge county, with headquarters at Butte.

A meeting of the committee appointed to look after the interests of Park county during the session of the state legislature this winter, was held at the rooms of the Livington club, at Livingston, last week. An organization was effected by the election of A. J. Campbell as chairman and Maurice Roth secretary. After a full discussion of the situation it was decided to formally enter Livingston in the race for the location of the state normal school, and plans having this object in view were formulated. A sub-committee was appointed to be known as a "press committee." The latter will be present at the opening of the legislative session and will make a big effort to secure the normal school for the "Gate City."

Dick Norman, alias Richard Foreman, arrested in Missouri last week by United States Marshal Faray on the charge of "accessory after the fact" to the robbery of Garrity, of Butte, will, should he clear himself of the federal charge, be at once rearrested by the county authorities of Lewis and Clarke county on the charge of horse stealing. When the under sheriff heard about Norman's arrest and that his true name was Foreman, he remembered that a man of that name had been wanted in Helena several years for stealing a horse, saddle and bridle from his employer, William I. White. He instituted a search among the police records and papers and much to his satisfaction found the complaint, sworn out and filed on Sept. 7, 1888, by W. I. White against Richard Foreman. As the value of the property stolen amounted to over \$50 the offense constitutes grand larceny, and the charge holds good for five years, so if he is discharged in the United States court he has a first class chance to go to the pen from this county.

WHAT SHALL THEY BE?

Christmas Presents and Some Timely Hints About Them.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year. Let all enjoy the festive season by giving to the poor the necessities of life which may be lacking. Remember your relatives and friends. From one who is not blessed with much of this world's goods a small token is always appreciated. Give according to your means.

The sales of the last few days have visibly reduced our stock of fancy articles; still, we have hundreds left. Our advice is: Make your selections as early as possible. If you want something pretty and attractive, the following list may help you:

Dressing Cases and Manicure Sets. Glove and Handkerchief Boxes. Work Baskets and Jewel Cases. Paper Baskets and Pin Cushions. Pen Wipers and Cigar Cases. Cuff and Collar Boxes. Key Holders and Music Patches. Fancy Frames and Mirrors. Silver Card Receivers. Smoking Sets.

We have just opened a lot of beautiful fans, inexpensive, too. Strictly ornamental and very necessary to the fair sex. All styles, including gauze, ostrich and other feathers, satin, silk, lace, etc. Fancy HANKERCHIEFS—Neat, choice, rich and beautiful. We have the largest stock and loveliest assortment in town. Ladies' colored silk handkerchiefs, two for 25 cents; worth double. White and colored embroidered handkerchiefs of surpassing beauty at 25, 35 and 40 cts. up to \$3 each.

White silk initial handkerchiefs, 25 cts. each. White embroidered, three for 25 cents. Plain hem-stitched linen, two for 25 cents. Chiffon handkerchiefs, all colors, 25 cents each. These goods have sold for double and treble this figure. Men's handkerchiefs of every conceivable style at bottom figures. All ladies appreciate nice gloves and hosiery.

In kid gloves we have the newest shade for evening wear in all lengths. Black silk mitts, very desirable, 75 cts. to \$3 each. Choice silk hose, all colors, at \$2.50; worth \$3.50 per pair. Black silk hose, from \$2.50 to \$6 per pair. Silk pleted hose in colors and black. Also full lines of hosiery in cotton, balbriggan, merino and wool.

A nice dress is an acceptable present. We are offering unusual bargains in broadcloths, ladies' cloths, colored cashmeres, Jacquards, chevots and mixed suitings. Beautiful lines of silk in colors and black at bottom figures. NOTE THIS: Fancy striped silks, 21.25 goods, marked down to 10 cents a yard. Ladies' jackets, Wraps and Newmarkets of the latest styles, at reduced prices. Men's wearing apparel of every description—Suits, Trousers, Overcoats, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Shirts, Underwear and Furnishing goods.

D. J. Hennessy Mercantile Co. BUTTE, MONTANA.