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## More Facts for the Voters.

GRATELY to the surprise and regret of the people of Deer Lodge, the Anaconda Standard has entered the lists against us, and in its issues of the past three days devotes much of its valuable space to advocacy of the removal of the county seat from Deer Lodge to Anaconda. The main points of its argument seem to be:

First, That the present heavy indebtedness of Deer Lodge county has accumulated by reason of the improper location of the county seat;

Second, That no additional expense or increase of indebtedness would be incurred by the removal of the county seat to Anaconda.

In support of the first proposition the Standard argues that the cost of the courts is enormous, and expense of running the county government "needlessly large," and would have it inferred that all this would be remedied by removal of the county seat. It prudently refrains from statistics, but cites "for illustration" the item of cost of transfer of prisoners from Anaconda to Deer Lodge, and says it is "a fact that wears the tax-payer" that the expense of such transfer is \$12.80 for each prisoner. Having been called down by a correspondent, it subsequently admits that \$12.80 has been paid, only when the prisoner was attended by a constable. Now although the Standard is swift to admit that "the county commissioners are and have been faithful officers," we claim that they have made some outrageous allowances, especially in this matter of transfer of prisoners. The actual expense of transfer need not in any case be greater than as follows:

One round trip R. R. fare (for officer) .....	\$2.35
One full fare (for prisoner) .....	1.55
Dinner (for officer) .....	.50

Total expense.....\$4.40

And when prisoners are brought in batches of two and three, as is frequently the case, the cost will of course be greatly less.

But no matter what may be the cost in any particular case, we have examined the records and find that the total cost for transfer of prisoners from Anaconda to Deer Lodge, whether by sheriff or constable, from the 1st day of March, 1895, to the 1st day of March, 1896, was as follows:

For quarter ending June 1, 1895.....	\$243.50
For quarter ending Sept. 1, 1895.....	138.00
For quarter ending Dec. 1, 1895.....	139.40
For quarter ending Mar. 1, 1896.....	160.10

Total for one year.....\$714.80

This is more than it should have been; but even as it is, it constitutes a very small proportion of our \$100,000 indebtedness, or even of the annual rate of increase thereof for the past four years. And we must remember that if during the same year the county seat had been at Anaconda, the prisoners from the north end of the county would have been similarly transported, and presumably at the same rates, and it is not possible there could, in this matter of transfers, have been a saving to the county of as much as \$500.

And as to the second proposition—that removal of the county seat would not increase our indebtedness—the Standard scouts the charge made by the Deer Lodge Committee in their address and says that: "In the newest and one of the most spacious municipal buildings in the west, this city can furnish room and space for all the needs of the county for years to come." The italics are ours. A day later it claims it has completely exploded the scare "about the hundreds of thousands of dollars that must be spent for new buildings if the county seat is transferred." Indeed! Who authorized the Standard to make an offer of "the newest and one of the most municipal buildings in the west" for the use of Deer Lodge county, "where there will be room and to spare," etc., etc. Do you speak for the editors of the Anaconda Standard, for Mr. Marcus Daly, for the Anaconda company or the municipality of Anaconda? The Standard says, "the municipal building in this city offers all the advantages which the county can share at a nominal (?) cost." What does the Standard mean by "nominal" cost? Can't it be a little more explicit? Does it mean that the county will be charged a yearly rental of \$50 or \$5,000? Does it pretend for one moment that the city of Anaconda would charge the county of Deer Lodge a cent less than \$7,000, which is the annual rental paid by the state of Montana to Lewis and Clarke county for rooms in the court house at Helena for a portion of the state officers? If the county seat is to be removed the people have a right to know beforehand just what increments the city of Anaconda has to offer. Does she offer the county any building, rent free? If not what rent does she propose to charge for the necessary court room and county offices pending the construction of a new court house? Do the promoters of this scheme for removal propose to donate any ground for a court house and jail, and if not, what will be the cost of such ground, and what its location?

The Standard seems particularly anxious to divest this question of removal of all consideration of sentiment, and to settle it "as a plain, straightforward business proposition." This being the case their "propositions" should be submitted immediately that they may be considered by the people of the county, who will then be able to vote understandingly upon the question.

In conclusion we shall ask the Standard to answer the following questions, categorically:

How many rooms suitable for county offices can you furnish in your "municipal building" and what are their dimensions? What are the dimensions of the chamber to be used for a court room? Is it not less than two-thirds the size of the court room here, and not so well lighted or so well ventilated?

Have you any vaults in said building and if so how many and what are their dimensions?

Is it not a fact that you have not now in the whole city of Anaconda, any vault or vaults of sufficient capacity to store and safely keep one-tenth of the records of the county clerk and recorder, and the clerk of the district court, not to mention the valuable records of other offices?

### COMMITTEE.

#### AT THE PENITENTIARY.

The New Building Nearing Completion and "Is a Marvel in a Way."

The main building of the Deer Lodge penitentiary which was commenced last May is nearing completion so far as the outside work of the walls is concerned, says the Independent. The new building is a marvel in a way, for it is being built without authority of the legislature and without an appropriation. Some time ago it became apparent that additional quarters were absolutely necessary at the penitentiary. The prison was overcrowded and there were no adequate means for the separation of the younger convicts from the older and more hardened element. The prison commissioners finally decided to proceed with a new building without waiting for the legislature to meet. By a system of convict labor the board has been able to put up the building without a large expenditure. Up to the present time the building has cost the state but \$9,311.90. Without the use of the convicts the building could not have been erected, for there were not funds enough available for one-third of the cost of a building put up in the ordi-

nary way. With the exception of the pay of the superintendent, James McCullum, there has not been spent a dollar for labor on the entire building. The structure was even designed by a convict. The prison authorities have found that the work afforded by the new building was of great benefit to the convicts. Before it was commenced there had not been enough work about the prison to keep any considerable number of the convicts busy. At present there are 200 men at work in and about the penitentiary, and the good effect on the moral tone of the prison is noticeable. Most of the men will from now on be employed in the building. Thirty car-loads of stone will be used in making a solid foundation and bed for the cells and floor of the building. Of that amount 25 car-loads have yet to be quarried. That work will be done by the convicts who will also make the excavations for the bed of the floor. Attorney General Haskell says that the exterior brick-laying will be completed by Oct. 31. The walls are already practically finished, and workmen are completing the towers about the building.

#### POPULIST MEETING.

Geo. Oker, Candidate for Senator, and Others Address Our People.

On Monday night the populists held a rally at the court house chiefly for the purpose of listening to a definition of the principles of the populist party from their candidate for the state senatorship, Hon. George Oker of Garrison. Mr. Oker was followed by Messrs. Wright, Schwend, Hamilton and others in brief speeches. The senatorial candidate in part said: "I claim to be the advocate of a reform party which represents a comparatively new movement in our national politics. There was a time when the democratic and republican parties were new, but they have changed from the principles by which they were once guided. I was once a member of the latter party but I am today a believer in the principles of the Omaha platform and the one since promulgated at St. Louis. I am aware that society acorns the followers of the populist party and that the heeled of the two old parties scoff and jeer at us, but we shall continue to bob up serenely whenever there is work for us to do. The republican party gave satisfaction for many years, but there was a demand for change and a democrat was elected. In turn dissatisfaction came and a republican was elected. Still there was discontent and Grover Cleveland was once more placed in the chair. He proved to be an enemy of his country and now the reform element that has come out of both the old parties is asking the populists for their support in the election of the young giant, William J. Bryan.

"To him our vote will go, but the nominee of the democracy for vice president is a plutocrat and antagonistic to the doctrines of our party. No populist can consistently support him. No country was ever so near destruction as this. The country has repudiated high tariff and now the protection we need is a protection for the people in their constitutional rights. Both the old parties, as represented at St. Louis and Indianapolis, are for Wall street. Republicans demonized silver and on 23 a question of restoring the metal the democratic party split. The gold dollar is an appreciating one and will continue to be so under a single standard." Mr. Oker closed by affirming his loyalty to Deer Lodge for the county seat.

Messrs. Wright, Schwend and Hamilton made spirited talks on leading issues. The attendance was good and it was noticeable that Bryan's name whenever mentioned evoked enthusiastic applause.

#### Called Their Bluff.

A few days ago W. J. Booker, a silver advocate residing at Memphis, Tenn., wired R. H. Kleinschmidt of Helena, that: "Two solvent bankers here offer 200,000 American standard silver dollars, deliverable six months after Bryan's election and passage of a free coinage law, at 70 cents on the dollar in gold. Satisfactory bonds by both parties. Do you want to trade? I am a silver man and want to see them burned." Mr. Kleinschmidt immediately accepted the proposition, and Mr. Booker spent several days in endeavoring to arrange transactions, but it is needless to say without avail, says the Western Mining World. It was only a bluff, but the funny part of it is that Mr. Booker will bring an action against the two bankers—C. T. Schulte, president of the First National bank, and J. P. Frost, president of the Memphis city bank—claiming that he stands in the position of broker. It is not thought that the bankers will carry out the contract, but will make a settlement with the broker. This will no doubt act as a lesson to the "jaundiced" and we will hear less of 50-cent dollars for the balance of the campaign.

#### How He's Changed.

I know that the world's stock of precious metals is none too large, and I see no reason to apprehend that it will ever become so. Mankind will be fortunate, indeed, if the annual production of gold and silver coin shall keep pace with the annual increase of population, commerce and industry. According to my view of the subject the conspiracy which seems to have been formed here and in Europe to destroy by legislation and otherwise from three-sevenths to one-half the malleable money of the world is the most gigantic crime of this or any other age.—John G. Carlisle, Feb. 21, 1878.

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## WHICH SHALL IT BE?

### THE MERITS OF COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL CRITICALLY ANALYZED.

The History of Recent Events Recalled—How Deer Lodge Has Stood by Anaconda in the Past—Shall It Be Dollars and Cents or Right and Justice That Shall Control?—A Taxpayer's Views.

The American people, and those of Montana particularly, are eminent lovers of fair play, whether it be in a dog fight, a horse race, a foot-ball game or—a county seat contest. Their sympathy is universally with the weaker side, especially when the acknowledged stronger side is the aggressor and the issue is to be decided by mere strength rather than by a demonstration of pluck and gameness on the part of the weaker one. The commercial, financial and political supremacy of Anaconda is acknowledged by every one in Deer Lodge. Anaconda has the voting strength to do with Deer Lodge just as it pleases, and the latter is as helpless as though bound hand and foot. The county seat contest was thrust upon weak Deer Lodge by those who claimed to represent strong Anaconda. Are the fair-minded voters of Anaconda intending to be parties to the acknowledged inequality? Or will they assert the manliness of their better nature and decline to allow the strong to crush the weak?

That the removal of the county seat will be a serious loss to Deer Lodge, the most ardent advocate of Anaconda does not deny. That not more than fifty people will ever feel the direct beneficial effects of its acquisition by Anaconda is a proposition as true as the other. Were the gain by Anaconda to be in like proportion to the loss to Deer Lodge the injustice of its removal would not be so great or apparent. But when such an event would depreciate the property in Deer Lodge 50 per cent. without any appreciable gain to Anaconda, there ought to be enough of the American spirit among the latter's voters to not only refuse to be abettors of such a wrong but to rebuke its promoters by voting down the proposition. It may be said by some that Deer Lodge has always opposed Anaconda and now deserves the fate threatened! To correct such an impression and its resultant prejudice let a fact or two be stated. In the capital contest in 1892, out of the 1747 votes cast on the proposition in the Anaconda precincts, Deer Lodge received but 7 votes while Helena received 27. Ninety-four per cent of the vote was given to Anaconda. At the same election Deer Lodge gave Anaconda 76 votes and Helena but 24. Only 73 per cent of the vote went to Deer Lodge herself. Yet notwithstanding the very small notice that Anaconda took of the candidacy of Deer Lodge in the preliminary contest in 1892, in the election of 1894 a little over 70 per cent of the vote of the Deer Lodge precincts was given to Anaconda. Does that look like opposition? But why was not the percentage larger?

The plunger element is large and strong in Deer Lodge. The majority of the vote for Helena was from those who had held social and business relations with that city when the pinch where Anaconda now stands was a grazing ground for deer. To stand by old friends ought not to be a cause for censure or offense. The balance of the vote for Helena came from those who had some personal or political pique to gratify and possibly some few were moved by mercenary motives. But remember, that for every 10 votes cast in Deer Lodge on the capital proposition in 1894 seven of them were for Anaconda, and Anaconda had never done a single thing to help Deer Lodge. Such conduct on the part of the voters of Deer Lodge looks more like the reaching out of the hand of friendship than like the uplifted arm of a foe.

Now, in 1896, only two years from the time when such friendship was shown and such aid given, large and prosperous Anaconda, either forgetting or scorning the help of her little ally of the valley, is reaching out to seize a coveted prize and place it in her own rapidly widening borders and thus taking from friendly Deer Lodge a well-high vested right and that which is almost vital to its thrift, leaving her a Rachael of the valley, "weeping for her children." The county, outside of Anaconda, is powerless to prevent such a result, and the honor of refusing to do such an ungrateful thing or the contumacy of allowing greed to outweigh friendship must rest with the

voters of Anaconda alone. Which will they choose?

The people of Montana are watching this contest and should Anaconda be successful, its leaders will find that in the future when seeking alliances, political or otherwise, with the people, that their extended hand will be looked upon with suspicion as one that struck down a defenceless friend without provocation and with but slight reason; whose greeting may be winsome but whose grasp is relentless. "But," says the Anaconda spokesman, "this is a cold-blooded business proposition; a question of dollars and cents and not one of sentiment." And yet sentiment has done some of the most noble and memorable things in history, and dollars and cents have done the most despicable though not less memorable. Sentiment saved Sparta at Thermopole, but dollars and cents betrayed Jesus Christ. Sentiment signed the Declaration of Independence, but dollars and cents made Benedict Arnold a traitor. Sentiment during the civil war made heroes North and South, but dollars and cents made Grover Cleveland issue hundreds of millions of dollars of bonds in a time of profound peace. Sentiment would keep the county seat at Deer Lodge, but dollars and cents may move it to Anaconda.

#### TAXPAYER.

#### HOW IT IS DONE.

A Correspondent Shows Up the Facts as They Are.

To the Editor of the New Northwest.

In Sunday's Standard an editorial appears on the county seat question giving utterance to the agreed stock argument of those in favor of removal (which argument is a mere subterfuge) i. e., the expense of maintaining the county seat at Deer Lodge, and in proof cites the fact that the cost of conveying a prisoner from Anaconda to Deer Lodge is by statute \$12.80.

The statute is correctly quoted, but to show how unnecessarily and illegitimately that statute has been used to increase the expenses of the county, the bill of J. M. Pickel, constable of Anaconda township, for conveying prisoners to Deer Lodge for the quarter ending June 1, 1896, is given below. The prisoners were tried before F. M. Fox and J. M. Kennedy, justices of the peace.

March 6, 1896.	
Conveying J. S. Smith to Deer Lodge.....	\$12.80
March 7, 1896.	
Conveying W. Chapman to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
March 11, 1896.	
Conveying W. H. Sullivan to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 12, 1896.	
Conveying J. Gorman to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 13, 1896.	
Conveying P. Dunn to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 15, 1896.	
Conveying R. C. Fichte to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 18, 1896.	
Conveying F. Murphy to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 14, 1896.	
Conveying J. Sullivan to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 14, 1896.	
Conveying N. Daly to Deer Lodge.....	12.80
May 23, 1896.	
Conveying J. Ryan to Deer Lodge.....	12.80

Total.....\$128.00

The county keeps a deputy sheriff at Anaconda at a salary of \$100 per month to whom these prisoners ought to have been turned over, then the cost of conveyance would not have exceeded \$45, and could have been done for \$35.45.

The above bill was selected because the Standard called attention to the items comprising it as a reason why the county seat should be removed to Anaconda so that such an expense could be saved.

What other bills may show can be conjectured.

The heavy court and criminal expenses to which the county is subjected are not due to the distance of Deer Lodge from Anaconda but to lack of scrutiny on the part of the officials.

#### CRITICIAN.

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