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In Dickey county, Dak., there was not a single democratic vote cast.

The Miles City papers give Maginnis' majority in Custer county as 1,013.

A MAN in Kentucky offered a gallon of whisky as a premium for the best essay on temperance.

Stout City Journal: Bismarck, Dak., has vowed to reform; and there the democrats are not happy.

ALBERT PELL, Member of Parliament has started for America to inspect and inquire into the large cattle trade.

SALT LAKE Tribune: "The city is overrun by as hard a lot of desperadoes as ever cut a throat or became a Mormon bishop."

MILES City has a new city directory. We would like to have a copy, that we might see if there were 1,207 names in it—men, women and children.

CHEEK—The democrats of Custer county are now talking of prosecuting some of the army officers at Fort Keoh who tried to prevent the soldiers from voting.

A GENTLEMAN in Utah offers to contribute \$100 toward a fund to induce Col. Ingersoll to visit that territory and lecture against polygamy. Ingersoll is bitterly opposed to Mormonism.

JUDGE O'MEARA, of Butte, has instituted a suit for libel against the Miner, and claims damages in the sum of \$10,000. He says that paper commented on his decision in a certain case in a way to imply gross dishonesty and neglect of official duty, and therefore this action.

A PROMINENT New York physician advises ladies to learn to whistle and practice it for the good of their lungs which, he says, will be thereby improved. Hence the old adage about whistling girls and crowing hens must go the way of so many favorite myths.

EVER since the death of President Garfield ex-Surgeon General Barnes and Dr. Woodward, both of whom were in attendance on the president in his last illness, have been steadily declining in health. The friends of Woodward have lost all hope of his recovery, and Barnes also is very low.

SOME women are hard to suit. Mrs. Wilson, of Oregon, got a divorce from her husband on the ground of infidelity and cruelty last year. He reformed and wanted to marry her again. She consented, but he afterwards changed his mind, and she is now suing him for breach of promise.

THERE was a funny scene in a Philadelphia restaurant the other day, when those who were seated at a table got up and began to writhe as if they were bewitched. Everybody ran out as soon as possible, when it was discovered that the electric light wire had come in contact with an iron girder under the floor.

HARRISON, the "boy preacher," is now howling in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and has been so far successful that he has already driven three people into the mad-house by religious excitement. And the returns are not all in yet. We believe in Christianity, but not in the kind which affects the nerves more than the heart.

It begins to look as if the first session of the Forty-seventh congress will be mostly taken up with determining who will compose it. Defeated democratic congressional aspirants from all over the country are avowing their purpose of contesting the seats of their republican opponents, and they doubtless rely on their large party majority in the next house to "get there."

THE New York Sun, after making up a table showing a big majority in the next electoral college for the democratic candidate should the states vote two years from now as they did on the 7th inst., adds: "No doubt our democratic friends will find solid nuggets of encouragement in this table. In order that they may not become unduly excited over the prospect which the figures hold out, it is proper to remind them that the next president of the United States will not be elected until 1884. This reminder is not unnecessary. Some of our esteem-

ed contemporaries seem to be laboring under the impression that a democratic president was elected last week. They differ in opinion only as to who was elected." And they will all find themselves "clear off" when the votes are counted two years hence.

THE Guardsmen returned from Egypt who now walk the streets of London, have a wild look about the eyes and a marked unquiet about the brow. The trace of severe privation is left in their dried and shrunken forms, but the trace of mental anguish is visible enough in the disturbed glances they cast around. The same expression was noticeable in the faces of the men returned from Zululand, and the officers of our army will tell you that the men who have served in the frontier war against the Indians never recovered the happy, careless look they had worn at the commencement of a campaign. "One single ocho of the war-whoop by night will rob a man of twenty years of his life, and he may bid farewell to his youth forever after," said Gen. Custer just before entering on his campaign on the Rosebud river.

THE secretary of the interior has requested the secretary of war to furnish necessary military force to keep back the crowd of Maginnis voters in Missoula county who are following and living off of the railroad construction hands. Dispatches from Washington say that 300 soldiers will be provided from other points, in addition to the 200 already at Fort Missoula. Maginnis constituents are getting quite too numerous since the election, and will have to be sat down on, although we heard no complaints until after the 7th. About election time they were all honest laborers—now they are gamblers, ex-convicts, camp followers, etc. General Manager Haupt, of the Northern Pacific, upon being interviewed on the subject, said they expected no trouble, and thought the government forces would be equal to the emergency. Neither the construction nor the operating company, he said, have any control over the camp followers, who escape their jurisdiction by squatting outside the right of way and on government land, and there trading and selling whisky, and he might have added, voting for Maginnis.

ADMISSION.

The sweeping democratic victory throughout the states and the certainty that that party will have a large majority in the next house of representatives, makes it extremely probable that our sister territory of Dakota will be admitted to statehood this winter. Her admission will give the republicans two extra senators and one representative, and, although the representative will cut no figure in the next congress, the two senators would be sufficient to enable the republicans to keep control of the senate. Besides, as it now stands, should Mahone and Riddleberger, of Virginia, take it into their heads to vote with the democrats, that party would gain the control, but the two additional senators from Dakota would stand their votes off and prevent the possibility of such a state of affairs. In addition to these reasons for the republicans pushing this matter to a conclusion during this session, the admission of Dakota would give them three more votes in the electoral college in 1884, which votes may come very convenient if the contest should be close like that of 1876. The three votes of Colorado came in very handy in that year, and those of Dakota may be found to fit just as well two years from now.

Should the present congress take this view of the matter and admit Dakota before adjourning, we may look to see the question of statehood for Montana agitated after the assembling of the Forty-seventh congress. But whether our delegate will push the measure, or even introduce it, remains to be seen. Should his inaction on this question have been one of the conditions on which the railroad vote was secured, as it has been claimed, it is quite probable that he will busy himself very little about the matter. Even were he to do his best, it is questionable whether a republican senate would care to take the chance of losing the certain ascendancy in that body which the admission of Dakota would have given them. Their estimate of the political status of the territory would probably be based on the vote for delegate as appears on the face of the returns, and it is hardly likely that they would vote to admit us. Looking at every side of the question, it is not very probable that the people of Montana will have an opportunity to vote for the next president of these United States, but should the republicans elect the next president and regain the control of the house in 1884, the outlook will be much brighter then. Two years' of the immigration which is now pouring into our territory will not only double its population but make it strongly republican, and following close upon the election of a republican delegate to congress will

come admission to the union and addition to the republican column of states. This is the only visible ray of promise for Montana in the present outlook of the political skies, and is about all we can reasonably expect.

GIVE THE FARMERS A CHANCE.

Up to this time stockgrowing has largely predominated in Montana, and laws as a consequence have discriminated in favor of that branch of business. While farming is confined to the margins of a few streams near the mountains where fencing material is easily accessible, it is no great detriment to the country to require land to be enclosed with a lawful fence before a recovery can be had for damage to crops by stock.

But the incoming tide of immigrants that Montana needs must have a chance within our borders, where they can have an even show with the stock and wool growers. Dakota has offered great inducements to the tiller of the soil, by the passage of a herd law, and allowing damages where no fence exists. Such a law in Montana, if general, would be a great hardship to stock owners, but it might be applied to a limited section of the territory.

Minnesota has a similar law applying to only western and northwestern portions of the state. The Milk river country, the best portion of Montana for general agriculture, is now within the reservation and consequently not occupied for stock ranges. This region lying between the Missouri river and the international boundary, and the Marias river and the eastern line of Montana, will probably be thrown open to settlement the coming year. Now would it not be wisdom on the part of our legislature to pass a herd law for all that section of the territory, in other words allowing damage for trespass without requiring fences, the same to go into effect when the land is thrown open to settlement?

THE OFFICIAL VOTE OF MEAGHER COUNTY.

DELEGATE.	
Maginnis, D.....	994
Botkin, R.....	991
DISTRICT ATTORNEY.	
Johnson, D.....	1,006
Waterman, R.....	950
COUNCIL.	
Stuart, D.....	1,270
Sheriff, R.....	869
ASSEMBLY.	
Dean, R.....	1,078
Wallace, R.....	853
Achison, D.....	847
Kanouse, D.....	982
PROBATE JUDGE.	
Murray, D.....	1,045
Stevenson, R.....	873
CLERK AND RECORDER.	
Anderson, D.....	310
Hatch, R.....	539
Rotwitt, Ind.....	1,083
TREASURER.	
McClintock, D.....	1,054
Folsom, R.....	870
SHERIFF.	
Cameron, D.....	992
Allebaugh, R.....	938
ASSESSOR.	
Howell, D.....	1,185
Hughes, R.....	750
COMMISSIONER.	
Berkins, D.....	1,159
McIntosh, R.....	776
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.	
Tipton, D.....	923
Miss Nichols, R.....	1,011
SURVEYOR.	
Wight, D.....	1,070
McFarland, R.....	873
CORONER.	
Lapalme, D.....	985
Potter, R.....	914

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Benton postoffice for the week ending November 18, 1882:

Atkins, Barney	Adam, Matt
Allen, Jos	Anthony, Jas G
Anthony, E L	Anthony, J W
Atkinson, Jos	Arudt, Wm
Berry, Richard	Baker, Hiram
Bassett, C N	Bassett, H
Belgard, Jos	Bledsau, S B
Brown, M S	Brown, Jas
Bruneau, Mac	Culley, James
Cunnunger, Jack	Conteut, Victor
Cherry, Dan	Casey, Robt
Drew, John	Dickinson, Chas
Dell, F	Daris, Chas F
Elliott, Jos	Ellis, Jacob L
Fredrick & Co	Fox, W D
Fox, Peter	Fitzgerald, Jas
Farmer, Frank	Grandchamp, S
Graft, Jacob	Healy, Thos
Hines, A W	Hutchinson, Al
Konnauc, Lucas	Lewis, Press
Lewis, James	Lewis, N A
Lamb, Samuel	LaFrance, Jos
Lucett, Phil	Meyers, A
Moran, Ed	Martin, Thos
Monroe, Matt	Otterson, Jos
Price, E J	Powell, Henry
Parrell, John	Rotare, Louis
Robinson, Geo	Robinson, A G
Repley, John	Richard, D G
Renuri, Henry	Tetlock, John
Sanborn, S C	Smith, W B
Street, Jos	Storin & LaVasser
Stanton, Richard	Walker, Geo
Watkins, A T	Walker, R C
Wilkins, D G	Wequett, Jos
Wren, John.	

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