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BISMARCK'S brick yards have turned out an average of 200,000 brick a day during this last summer.

ANOTHER well will be sunk by the Miles City artesian well company. They expect to strike water at a depth of from 300 to 400 feet.

THE total assessed valuation of Dakota for 1883 is \$69,000,000; in 1882 it was \$47,000,000; showing an increase in one year of \$22,000,000. Good enough for a territory.

SERGEANT MASON, now that he has been pardoned by the President, has become a national celebrity, and as such will go on exhibition in a side show—admission only ten cents.

THE Hudson Bay company is pressing its claim against the Dominion government for \$50,000, losses during the Red River insurrection in November, 1869, when Louis Riel took possession of Fort Garry.

ONE of the stone piers under the railroad bridge across the Missouri at Bismarck has settled six inches, and fears are entertained that it will soon be insecure for trains. This will necessitate the construction of another bridge at an enormous expense.

THE quartz mills of Butte are now running in full blast, with 185 stamps pounding away day and night. The Alice, Lexington, Moulton, Silver Bow and Dexter mills comprise the lot. The smelters are all running except one, turning out copper matte.

COOKE CITY, the new mining camp of Clarke's Fork, is bound to be a productive district at an early date, judging from its first output of bullion, which was a girl baby, born on the 20th of last month, the mother being only twelve years and one month old.

THE official decree of France, removing the embargo on American pork, will be hailed as good news by the stock raisers in the east. Now if the same action is taken with regard to beef by the European powers, it will be a day of rejoicing for the western cattle men.

IN the Coeur d'Alene gold diggings flour is worth \$12 a sack, bacon, 40 cents; sugar, 40 cents; and last but not least, whiskey, two bits a glass. Letters cost half a dollar a piece to be brought in from the railroad at Rathdown. A man would want a good big sack full of dust to winter in any kind of shape at that place.

FORT BENTON divines might take a hint from the St. Louis clergyman, who requested the newspapers not to report his sermons, as his congregation made it an excuse for absenting themselves from church. They said that they could sit at their breakfast tables and read the sermons easier than they could get out to church.

THE Petit Journal, published in Paris, has the largest circulation of any daily in the world. It is smaller in size than the RIVER PRESS but it publishes over half a million copies every day. Its specialties are few and short editorials, original romance, continued, and accounts of the most interesting criminal trial then going on.

THE failure of the Rev. Pierce, of Salt Lake City, with debts amounting to \$45,000, and assets practically nothing, shows a curious phase of religious financing. It seems that he had borrowed money indiscriminately wherever he could, without thought of a future pay day. The reverend gentleman, with a salary of \$1,000 a year, was living at an expense of \$2,000, as a great many others are doing.

THE new project of the Northern Pacific to dam the Missouri river for irrigating purposes is something of a novelty. The tall cliffs in the canyon above Tostin's ferry are to be thrown into the river by the use of a few charges of giant powder. This will fill up the bed of the stream and raise the water many feet so it can be used on a million of acres of now barren land.

THE large mine and smelter owners of Colorado are now in session at Denver, to devise ways and means for recuperating the present weak lead market. We know of only two feasible methods by which a permanent rise in the market could be secured, either by finding more uses for their lead or quit turning out so

much silver-lead bullion at their smelters. It is not probable they will think of either of these remedies, but instead cry for national legislation to raise the lead which their mines and smelters produce up to an artificial price.

OVER 700 families, aggregating some 2,500 persons, have emigrated from Dakota to the country tributary to the Canadian Pacific since May. So say the railway authorities. The Dominion papers are very jubilant over this bit of news and try to argue from this fact that a large emigration will soon start from the United States to that country. That is a small beginning to start a boom with even if true. Twenty-five hundred people would not be a marker for the number of emigrants brought into this northern country by the northern Pacific this last summer.

THE irrepressible Ben. Butler is out with two characteristic documents. In his letter to the democratic state central committee, he goes for the Judas Iscariots of the party whose defection made possible his defeat, and says further that the late campaign has been the Bunker Hill and not the Waterloo of their party. Ben's thanksgiving proclamation was remarkable for the absence of allusion to minister, pulpit or church. The scripture quotations are numerous and border very closely upon irreverence, and for this reason we suppose it was not read in many of the thanksgiving services of the commonwealth.

THE old saying that distance lends enchantment to the view is well illustrated in the case of the following telegram, hailing from St. Paul, and now gradually working its way westward to its birth place: "Reports state that great excitement prevails throughout western Montana over rich mineral discoveries in the Coeur d'Alene mountains. Old miners and prospectors who have returned state that there has been nothing in the history of the western states and territories to equal in richness and volume the newly discovered fields. The minerals consist of silver tellurium and free milling gold. One hundred dollars per day per man are being taken out of the rim rock of the gulches, while in the gulches \$250 to \$400 to the man per day are being panned out. Claims consist of twenty acres each, and are located in the gulches of Eagle, Pritchard, and Beaver creeks, streams running into the Coeur d'Alene river. The Pritchard is the chief stream, which flows 2,000 inches of water, and it is said does not freeze up, the altitude being only 2,400 feet. Nuggets found have been sold for \$200, \$136, \$100 and \$50 respectively. The streams are in the northern part of Idaho, Eagle City being forty miles from Heron, on the Northern Pacific railroad. A wagon road is being cut up Trout creek by which the distance will be lessened twenty-six miles. There are now about 500 people in the camp, but it is estimated by old miners that before June there will be 10,000 people if the season opens early."

THE report of Governor Murray, of Utah, to the secretary of the interior is an able one, inasmuch as it handles the Mormon question without gloves, and shows up its sins and enormities in no enviable light. This is a question which interests all the territories bordering on Utah, as the members with their polygamous doctrines are being scattered each year farther from the heart of the disease and may eventually, if not checked, convert some of the now Gentile territories into the same state of lawlessness in which we find Utah to-day. As a means of choking off "the twin relic of barbarism" we add Governor Murray's recommendation to congress, which we believe will fix it: "It cannot reasonably be expected that congress at so great a distance, and with the wants of a great country to care for, can know in detail the wants of a territory so well as men interested in its business, and who live in the territory. A pilot in the light-house off Sandy Hook cannot guide a vessel across the Atlantic ocean. The pilot must be on board ship; so I take it congress must establish another agency in Utah, one familiar with the wants and requirements of the territory, familiar with its localities, and bound up in its welfare with their lives and fortunes, and who bear honest allegiance to the government of the United States. If it be true that the government for over thirty years has had an unfaithful agent in Utah, is it not right that it should dispense with such service and establish a faithful agent there? Is it right that the government should do less than an intelligent, careful business man would do under like circumstances? In order to keep this side of what might properly be termed the heroic remedy, I present in hope and confidence my former recommendation. Intelligent observation and experience confirm me in the necessity and wisdom of that course. In lieu of the legislature as now provided for in section 4 of the organic act (and which I may add has been and is practically appointed by the

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president of the Mormon church), constitute a legislative council say of three or five, or if necessary thirteen or more, they to be appointed by the president and confirmed by the senate, who shall write a code of laws in unison with civilization, the constitution, and the laws of congress, and which will prove a government not only 'for the people,' but 'by the people.'

THE following extract from the newly published autobiography of the noted English novelist, Anthony Trollope, is a piece of candor seldom met with in a public man. It only echoes the sentiments of many a man of this world. He says:

"If the rustle of a woman's petticoat has ever stirred my blood; if a cup of wine has been a joy to me; if I have thought tobacco at midnight in pleasant company to be one of the elements of an earthly paradise; if now and again I have somewhat recklessly fluttered a £5 note over a card table, of what matter is that to the reader? I have belonged to no woman; wine has brought me no sorrow. It has been the companionship of smoking that I have loved, rather than the habit. I have never desired to win money, and I have lost none. To enjoy the excitement of pleasure, but to be free from its vices and ill effects—to have the sweet and leave the bitter untasted—that has been my study. The preachers tell us that this is impossible. It seems to me that hitherto I have succeeded fairly well. I will not say that I have never scorched a finger, but I carry no ugly wounds."

"NINE THINGS NEEDED."

The new sensation in journalism is John Swinton's paper, published in New York. It is anti-monopoly, anti-capital, in fact anti almost everything as society and the body politic now exists. As a sample of a few of the many changes asked for in our laws, we give the "nine things needed," as the paper puts it:

1. The revival by congress of the income tax, as a means of relief from ordinary and oppressive taxation.
2. The public ownership of railroads and telegraphs, as in the free Belgian system.
3. The enactment of such land laws as will prevent the holding of great tracts of our country by corporations and individuals, including foreign landlords.
4. The establishment of government industrial schools and colleges, as in the French system.
5. The establishment, by congress, of efficient boards of health and education, and of public works, under a comprehensive system and policy.
6. The establishment of postal banks, with branches of insurance, annuities and savings, and all that the term implies in the British system.
7. The establishment, by congress, of a national board of industry, empowered to collect labor statistics of all kinds, embracing the data of co-operation, the eight-hour question, the toil of factory women and children, and other things underlying the welfare of the country's workers.
8. The freedom of inventions, as in Holland and Switzerland, but with a royalty system.
9. The public ownership of coal, iron, gold, and other mines, and of salt deposits and petroleum wells.

A Montana man who had won the sympathy of a Dakota town by exhibiting the scars of terrible scratches and telling a story of a terrific fight with a bear has been proven a fraud. An investigation developed the fact that he never saw a bear, but had been married three times.—Bismarck Tribune.

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