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The democratic national central committee is appealing for more funds. This would seem to indicate that they anticipate a little more fighting before the victory is finally won; or maybe the market rate for votes proved to be higher than they at first bargained for.

LATEST advices from New York point to the conclusion that Cleveland has carried that state and will be elected to the presidency. Should that prove to be the case, the rest of the country must bow to the inevitable and hope for the best. Nations thrive in spite of bad government, and we have every confidence that this vigorous republic will continue to prosper even if handicapped by four years of democratic misrule.

THE Butte Miner has this to say of Mr. Blaine's canvass: "Mr. Blaine is entitled to enjoy the comfortable consciousness that his personal share in the great campaign just closed was an unprecedented series of personal triumphs. He made, single-handed and alone, the most gallant fight on record, and displayed an intellectual and physical vigor which places him in the front as a leader of leaders. He made hundreds of speeches, of which it may be truthfully said that none were feeble or commonplace. His brilliant campaign is the crowning act of a brilliant political career which may now be regarded as ended."

THE following from the St. Paul Day relative to the possibility of Hon. Lee Mantle being the next governor of Montana may be of interest to the many friends of that gentleman in this section: "Lee Mantle, of Montana will now receive his reward for voting for Arthur in the Chicago convention, thus neutralizing the vote of Col. Sanders for Blaine. He is to be appointed territorial governor. But no territorial interest will suffer, as he is thoroughly familiar with the public affairs in Montana, and capable of assuming executive duties in the office. Singular enough, Mantle will be the first to secure the benefits of the practical application of the plank which Col. Sanders secured in the national platform, pledging the party to a policy of making appointments to territorial offices from residents of the territory. Mr. Mantle is manager of the Butte Inter Mountain, and a man of marked ability."

IN another column we published a synopsis of Governor Crosby's last annual report on the condition of Montana. It shows this territory to be largely increasing in population, wealth and material resources, and sets forth in a convincing manner the claims which entitle her to admission into the Union as a state. The governor seems to duly appreciate the value of the gold discoveries in the Little Rockies, and gives it as his opinion that it would be unwise to attempt to place obstacles in the way of those who feel inclined to seek for the hidden wealth of that region. He also calls the attention of the government to the deplorable condition of the Indians now inhabiting immense reservations, which are of no earthly use to them, and advises the speedy restoration of such lands to the public domain. The report is an eloquent summary of the high position that Montana now occupies amongst her sister states and territories, and as such will have a beneficial effect in the way of drawing public attention to the varied resources of the "queen of the west."

THE Indians still seem to be in the full enjoyment of their favorite pastime of horse stealing. As will be seen in another column a party of stockmen from the Yellowstone have just succeeded in recovering some of their missing property from the Indians at the Blackfoot agency, and report that there are more horses in that locality which they were unable to secure. This state of affairs is highly unsatisfactory to all those interested in stock matters. The periodical raids of Indian horse thieves have become too frequent to be tolerated any longer. The government has set apart a vast extent of country for their sole occupation and benefit, and in justice to all concerned they ought to be compelled to remain on it. No white man is allowed to roam at will over their possessions, and the country occupied by white men ought to be closed to Indian encroachment in the same manner. Our citizens are called upon annually to help support them in a life of laziness and at the same time are exposed to heavy losses at their hands. One of the greatest annoyances connected with the

matter is the fact that the guilty parties escape all punishment. Stock may be recovered, but the thieves are left free to resume their depredations at the first convenient opportunity. The good work recently performed in ridding the country of white horse thieves will have little effect if their red brethren are left free to carry on the same offense, and unless the authorities are able to cope with the evil our stockmen will have to organize and do the work themselves. Such a course might cause a good deal of trouble, but something must be done.

WE publish in this issue a tabulated statement of the official returns for Choteau county. The figures have been carefully revised, and the table may be taken as it stands as being a correct summary of the returns from each precinct. The result shows that the republicans have elected seven of the candidates placed on their ticket, and in other cases their opponents have managed to "get there" by but small majorities. The largest number of votes cast for a democratic candidate was secured by Jesse Taylor, who polled a total of 614; the highest score on the republican side was made by Miss Johnstone, who scored 605. Miss Johnstone also secured the largest majority recorded in the list, being 231 votes ahead of the democratic nominee. The smallest majority in the list is that secured by the democratic candidate for assessor, he being but 31 votes ahead of his republican opponent. The members of the republican party have reason to be proud of the showing made in these returns, and it would be well for each one to preserve a copy for future reference. It will prove useful in comparing the result two years hence with that of the contest just decided.

If Cleveland becomes president he will have no small job on his hands. Having received the support of the so-called independents, some of them will naturally expect a reward in the shape of a lucrative political appointment. But if he favors the "mugwumps" in this way the democrats will be after him. They have no notion of bearing the pangs of twenty-four years' starvation and then allowing part of the spoils to be carried off by other parties. It will be interesting to see how Grover will divide the hash among these jealous factions.

THE republicans have been fortunate in securing many of the county offices—treasurer, probate judge, supt. of schools, justice of the peace, constable, coroner, county surveyor and public administrator, all elected by large majorities. This is an indication that in the future the democrats will not be in the ascendant in Choteau county. The several gentlemen who have been called to fill the offices are worthy of public confidence. It is to be hoped that the union of the affairs of their positions will be ratified by the intelligent people of the county.

WHEN the democratic board of canvassers of Lee county, Iowa, met to canvass the votes of Fort Madison some republicans were present who put in a protest against the count of some votes clearly illegal, but were compelled to withdraw it by an armed mob of 200 bulldozing democrats who entered the court house.

IT must be a pleasing reflection for J. A. Johnston to be downed by "a boy," as he characterized Mr. Hunt. Even the democratic strong hold, Choteau county, gave Mr. Hunt a majority of 99 exclusive of Rocky Point and 75 including that well known precinct.

THE first investigation into the method of counting election district returns in New York city shows that all the inspectors were drunk. They were locked up in the Tombs. This looks discouraging for a fair count.

HENRY ATEL, chief of army headquarters at Washington, died very suddenly Sunday. He had held his position for several years, being a trusted and confidential friend of Gen. Sherman.

Information Wanted.

The following letter was received by Postmaster Flanagan a day or two ago. Some of our readers may be able to furnish the information desired:

OVIED, BEAR LAKE CO., IDAHO, }
November 11, 1884.

To the Postmaster at Fort Benton:
DEAR SIR:—I write to you for a little information, hoping you can assist me. A young man by the name of Ole Berg left here last spring to work on the Canadian Pacific railroad, and was employed on that road all summer. He started for home on the 15th of October last and got as far as Montana, where, according to reports in the papers received to-day, he was killed by some horse thieves. Now, if you can tell us where it happened, or anything about it you would confer a great favor upon me and a lasting obligation on a widowed mother mourning the untimely death of an only son.
Very respectfully,
W. C. McCURDY.

The Sun River Mill.

Owing to the low price of grain most of the farmers on the Shonkin, Highwood and Belt creeks have taken their wheat to the Sun River mill. It is stated that 500 sacks of flour have been ground for the ranchmen of those localities. The flour is of excellent quality and the farmers are pleased with it. This is one step towards the independence of farmers. They are beginning to see the necessity of producing for home consumption.

This is the way in which a Maryland rural editor acknowledges an act of kindness, and fills the local columns of his paper: "Under the skillful manipulations of Peter Burkett our windows have been relieved of the incrustations from the weather for nearly a year past, and the blessed light now beams upon us, pure and refugient, greatly relieving the gloom that has enshrouded us so long. 'Hail Holy Light,' etc. See Mill, ton."

"I understand that burglars entered your store last night, Mr. Isaac?" "Ya, aber day dond dake anythings." "Were they frightened away?" "Ya, der low brices marked on der goods frightened dem away. Bime by day come round und buy der goods. Dot's cheaper dan stealing. Dot's a t-yeluff dollar coat; take him for three dollar!"

One sometimes hears strange modes of reasoning during that favorite pastime of some women—shopping. "This little scent-bag is not quite perfect," said one at the woman's exchange, as she called the attention of a girl in waiting to an article that lay on a table. "Now if it were for myself, I should not care at all, but I would like to buy it to give as a present to a little niece, and she's so observing that she'd notice any defect in it in a moment. Couldn't you let me have it for half price?"

The birth of a daughter to the Duke of Hamilton, after eleven years of childless matrimony, was a bitter disappointment. The duke has a complete loathing for his presumptive heir, and his chief reasons for selling off his library and pictures was to leave as little as he could to his hated relative.

"Mr. Smith," said the editor to the funny man, "I shall have to ask you to report the funeral of old Mrs. Brown to-day. The reporters are all out."

"Certainly," said the funny man reaching for his hat. "I will do so willingly. Shall I write it up in a humorous vein?"

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D. LENBRUE,
(Chicago Times.)

S. Blackford, proprietor, 274 East Seventh street, St. Paul, Minn. W. J. Miner, wholesale and retail agent, Fort Benton, Montana.

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PARIS GIBSON & SON,
Fort Benton, Montana.

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From the range of the Benton & St. Louis Cattle Company, on the Marias, one large bay horse, one buckskin with silver mane and tail, one roan buckskin, one small bay with white strip in face, all branded Z on left thigh. A liberal reward will be paid for any information which will lead to their recovery.—JOHN HARRIS, Manager of the Benton & St. Louis Cattle Co., Fort Benton, M. T.

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