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They are talking of seventy bushels of wheat to the acre in Gallatin county. Pretty good!

LORD LANDSDOWNE, the general of Canada, will shortly pay a visit to the northwest.

The sailing race for the America cup, which was to have taken place yesterday, has again been postponed.

GENERAL MIDDLETON, the hero of a thousand fights, more or less, will shortly leave for British Columbia.

A NEW paper will shortly be started at Sitka, Alaska. Gov. Swineford will be a regular contributor. This will be the first newspaper enterprise in Alaska.

THE old steamer Great Eastern, which is to be sold at auction next month, was launched in 1858, with great expectations, from her immense size, but she eventually became a coal carrier, and will be sold cheaply now.

THE cowboys are very vigorous in their denunciations of Gen. Ed. McCook, because he first called Secretary Lamar's attention to the fact that the cattlemen were illegally grazing the lands of the Cheyennes and Arapahoes.

SIR JOHN MACDONALD is said to fully realize his dreadfully awkward position in the Niel matter—his own party, (English speaking) prodding him to carry out the sentence, his French supporters demanding Niel's release.

MISS CLEVELAND is so elated at the success of her new book that she is already engaged in writing a novel, which will record portions of the remarkable career of her brother, the president, and will also contain some chapters of Washington life.

CAPT. WILLIAM CHURCHILL, recently from Fiji, says that the last case of missionary eating on those islands occurred in 1881, when a native missionary was killed, roasted and eaten, another native missionary being compelled to eat several slices of him.

THERE'S a woman at the bottom of the dispute between Spain and Germany. We knew it all along, but refrained from giving her name on account of her relatives. We now warn Caroline that if there is any more trouble on her account we shall publish her full name.

L. W. Peck, the editor of the Montana Wool Grower, paid a friendly visit to the Gazette to-day. Mr. Peck is a practical wool grower and is awaiting a band of 3,500 sheep, which he is having driven from near Fort Benton to Billings to ship to Chicago.—Billings Gazette.

A CONNECTICUT school board has voted not to employ any schoolmarm who will not agree to remain single for a year. This is to prevent love sick young ladies from taking the schools and devoting the time which should be employed in teaching the children to courting and riding around with the fellows.

THE Maiden mining district is coming to the front once more. The bonding of the mines by T. C. Power and others has strengthened the faith of the owners of properties. The old-timers who went there a few years ago have never lost confidence in the wealth which lay hidden in the mountains about Maiden.

ALFONSO, king of Spain, is a weak minded sort of boy who dare not say his soul is his own, and is an object of contempt among his people. While the Caroline islands affair will not end in war, it is possible that a revolution may be the outcome, and Alfonso will probably be obliged to take the same course as Queen Isabella, and abdicate.

We have made inquiries from parties returning from the north and can gain no further information regarding the proposed extension of the Galt railway. The rumors as to the movements of the surveyors are confirmed, and there seems to be no doubt that they are now in the field, as before reported, on their way to Fort Benton. We are looking anxiously for them, and their appearance among us will give color to the statements which have been made relative to the extension of the line. Whether this line will be a broad or narrow gauge will be of little importance to the people of northern Montana. What we want is a railroad.

NEW YORK.

The campaign in New York is about to open. Both the great political parties are actively preparing for the contest, and the result will be awaited with interest by the whole country. This will be the first important election since the restoration of democracy to power. Just what attitude the independent voters in the Empire state will assume is, at the present writing, difficult to determine. One theory, however, is quite manifest, and that is that both parties have their hats off before this element, and the politeness usually attributed to the French dancing master is nothing compared to the deferential respect and consideration with which democrats and republicans alike treat the independents. Both parties, therefore, are on their good behavior, and we may expect the best men to be put forward for the suffrages of the people.

A new and better way of selecting public officers is beginning to assert itself. Packed primaries and packed conventions in the interest of the wire pullers and shoulder bitters of either party have received telling blows of late, and the mercenary politicians of both parties are beginning to understand that the people will not submit to be made a party to the low and disreputable methods which have too often controlled nominations. The schoolmaster has been abroad in the land, and the voters are beginning to think and reason for themselves upon both men and principles. They can no longer be led or dictated to by the unscrupulous and ambitious politician, whose chief aim is to "get there, Eli," regardless of how it is done. These days and these men are, happily for good government, fast passing away, and are being numbered among the things that were and are not. The silent work of the schoolmaster all over the land is beginning to show more clearly than ever before wherein lies the strength of our institutions. The general diffusion of knowledge among all classes of our citizens is the key to good government and a permanent union.

THE RIVER PRESS, occupying as it does an independent position, politically, rejoices at the new and better order of things which seems to be everywhere manifest, and at the degree of progress which both political parties are making in the means and methods herein referred to.

THERE is very little doubt that at the coming session of congress Fitz John Porter will be restored to the roll of the army. Of those who voted for him in the last congress there were re-elected to the house of representatives 115 members, and there are democrats enough among the new members to constitute a majority of the house. It is reasonable to count these democrats in favor of Porter, because it was almost a party question in previous sessions, and very few democrats voted against him. In the senate 32 members hold over who have put themselves on record for Porter's restoration. There are democrats enough among the new members, as in the house, to give Porter's bill a majority. That the bill will receive the approval of President Cleveland no one for a moment doubts, or that before the lapse of another year Fitz John Porter's name will be borne upon the rolls of the army as a colonel with all the pay and emoluments appertaining to that rank.

THE damage by hail during the late storm in Charles county, Maryland, is estimated at \$100,000. Entire fields of corn and tobacco were destroyed.

Of the Fourth Class.

WASHINGTON, September 8.—The acting postmaster general to-day appointed the following fourth class postmasters:

Montana—Elkhorn, William M. Ulm; Big Elk, Mrs. Mary L. Hatch.

Assistants Appointed.

WASHINGTON, September 9.—Edward Wilson and J. Barionet, of Wyoming, have been appointed assistant superintendents of the Yellowstone park.

How to Make a Yacht.

"So this is the vessel you have been bragging so much about?"
 "Yes, sir; there she lies. Beauty, isn't she?"
 "Beauty! You don't call that unwieldy looking tub a yacht, do you?"
 "Certainly, she's a yacht. She wa'n't a yacht yesterday, I admit, but she's a yacht now."
 "How can she be a yacht to-day if she was not a yacht yesterday?"
 "Well, you see, I had her washed out, and I've filled up her cabin with liquors and cigars, put seven cases of lager and a barrel of beer in the fo'ks'l, and if that don't make her a yacht, then I don't know what a yacht is. It ain't the build of the vessel that makes a yacht; it's the liquors and cigars and the beer and the sandwiches and the folks that's on board on her that makes her a yacht. Put a crowd on board on her that can get tight and play Billy aa' all afore they get out of the harbor, and she'll be such a yacht as no true gentleman need be ashamed on."—Boston Courier.



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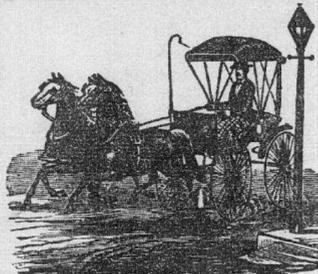
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