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WHO SHALL GOVERN MONTANA?

It now seems evident that the great mining and railroad interests of Montana have determined that there shall be no reapportionment of representation by the present legislature.

The express provision of the constitution of this state is: "The legislative assembly at the session next following an enumeration made by the authority of the United States, shall revise and adjust the apportionment for representatives on the basis of such enumeration according to ratios to be fixed by law."

There has been no apportionment of legislative power in Montana for nearly twenty years. Today, a combination of the old mining counties which, in the aggregate, compose less than one-third of the population of Montana, elects more than a majority of the house of representatives in the state legislature.

Another case—Lewis and Clark with 21,553 population, has seven members; Carbon with 13,962 people, has only one. If Lewis and Clark is entitled to seven members, Carbon should have not less than four, and probably five representatives.

In the makeup of the committee on apportionment and representation, Speaker McDowell (of Silver Bow) is reported to have packed deliberately this committee to prevent, if possible, any reapportionment bill from being enacted.

This is not a partisan question, but one which involves the entire principle of self-government. The people of Montana will some day waken to the game that for twenty years has been deliberately carried on to rob them of the right to govern themselves.

If it be true, as alleged, that "the powers that be" are responsible for the present attempt to throttle the plain provisions of the constitution of the state of Montana, and if the people of Montana are forced, in self defense, to invoke the initiative plan of legislation to be relieved from an intolerable situation—if these conditions develop, it may be that the end of initiative legislation in the state will not have been reached with the enactment of a reapportionment law.

ADVERTISING MONTANA.

The members of the twelfth assembly are giving Montana a class of publicity that is not of any particular benefit to themselves or the constituencies they represent. A few days ago they butted into the political affairs of the sovereign state of Massachusetts by adopting a resolution condemning the action of two democrats who voted for the return of Mr. Lodge to the United States senate, and then subsequently—realizing their mistake and the impropriety of such action—recalled the offensive resolution.

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at Helena it was asserted with vehemence that the fact that two democrats voted for Lodge was prima facie evidence of fraud.

"Now, however, a different tune is sung. The Montana legislature has called a halt in its virtuous criticism of the sister legislature and by a combination of republican and democratic votes has completely backed down. It does not any longer consider democratic votes for a republican necessarily fraudulent.

"We are thus led to wonder mildly if this sudden change of heart has any connection with news that W. A. Clark, whose beautiful mansion complex of a bird cage set on a mausoleum, worthy of our city, is again seeking election to the senate. For of course if the republican legislators were persuaded by conscientious scruples to vote for that great democrat they would naturally not desire it to be on record that their votes were prima facie fraudulent."

ESTRAY FUND INVESTIGATION.

A thorough investigation of the financial affairs of the state board of stock commissioners is contemplated by the legislative committee appointed for that purpose, and it is hoped a full and complete exhibit of receipts and expenditures will result from the examination.

That George E. Hurd, an attorney at law of Glasgow, Valley county, Montana, be and he is hereby appointed as special prosecutor for the state of Montana, for, on behalf of and in the name of the state of Montana, to investigate, institute and prosecute any and all actions, civil or criminal, including any special proceeding, and by complaint, information or indictment, or otherwise, by virtue of any violation of the laws of said state, and arising out of the affairs and business of the state board of stock commissioners, and none other; and the said special prosecutor shall have authority to employ, at the expense of the state, a stenographer when in his judgment necessary to properly transact the business of his office.

That John Dawson, an accountant of Helena, Montana, be and he is hereby appointed as special accountant, to work under the supervision of the state examiner, and investigate, check up, audit and examine the books, accounts and all papers belonging to or in any wise connected with the office of the state board of stock commissioners, with the view of determining the conditions thereof as to all frauds or wrongs perpetrated in said office or by any employe thereof.

That the said special prosecutor shall have the same powers in every respect, and shall be under the same obligations as now conferred by law upon the attorney general of this state and the county attorney of the several counties of the state, so far, but not otherwise, as the investigation of the affairs of said board of stock commissioners is concerned, and the conduct of the employes thereof, and of instituting and prosecuting actions, civil, criminal or otherwise, in the name of the state or, if necessary, in the name of the state board of stock commissioners, arising out of the misconduct of the business or affairs of said board or any of the employes thereof; provided, that nothing in this act shall be so construed as to take away the right or rights of any county attorney in this state, or the attorney general, to prosecute by information, or otherwise, any action now given by them or him to institute or prosecute.

That the said special prosecutor shall receive, as full compensation for his services as such, including the salary of any stenographer said special prosecutor may employ hereunder, and all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duty, and fees not exceeding the sum of \$8,000, and said special accountant shall receive for his services, including all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duty a sum not exceeding \$2,000 for the entire time he is employed as such accountant.

That in the case of the death or resignation of George E. Hurd, special prosecutor mentioned in section 1 hereof, or of John Dawson, special accountant, the governor shall appoint a special prosecutor or accountant to fill said vacancy.

HAMILTON, Jan. 25.—After being out three and one-half hours, the jury in the trial of Mrs. Viola Kelley, accused of the murder of her newly-born child, returned a verdict this evening of not guilty, on account of insanity at the time of committing the deed. The trial has occupied the court since Monday morning.

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TIMELY BREVITIES

Australasia embraces an area of 3,288,000 square miles.

An ordinary gas jet consumes as much oxygen as five persons.

Tungsten salts have been found to be valuable for fireproofing textiles.

Japan is increasing its production of raw silk at a rate of about 20,000 bales a year.

About 600,000 penguin eggs are gathered from nearby islands and sold for food in Cape Colony each year.

Owing to the difficulty of securing fresh eggs most of the mining companies in Mexico have their own poultry yards.

Portugal is the most illiterate country in Europe. Three out of every four adult Portuguese can neither read nor write.

Last year the geological survey fixed prices on 2,508,621 acres of public coal lands and classified 10,857,572 acres of noncoal land.

The Philippine Islands are now the largest producers of coconuts in the world. About one-third of the whole crop is grown there.

General Botha, prime minister of the Transvaal, says that never before in the history of South Africa were there such solid signs of prosperity.

Norway has found it immensely profitable to propagate the cod, catches of the fish having steadily increased each year that fry have been planted.

The smokeless powder factory of the Mexican government has been completed. Its annual capacity is 110,000 pounds of powder of the best quality.

Explorations made during the last few years have led geologists to the conclusion that the gulf coast of Mexico has great possibilities as an oil field.

The Turkish authorities have forbidden the export of mules over a certain height from the vilayet (province) of Baghdad. They are being collected for army use by the government.

An Italian soldier has invented light metal attachments by which a sledge ambulance can be made in a few minutes from a pair of skis, an apenstock and other military equipment.

At Felixstowe, England, a fisherman lost his hook in attempting to land a fish. Immediately afterward the same fish, with the hook in its gills, was caught by another fisherman near by.

England sent last year to French West Africa 31,618 pounds of beads so as to give the natives something to put on their strings to play with. But for those beads England got about \$2,500,000 worth of rubber.

The street condemnation jury of Milwaukee visited Lindworm park in that city recently and condemned an inch of land claimed by a cement company. The inch of land in question was needed to give the city access to the river.

In spite of intelligent efforts to reduce infant mortality in the United States, the census bureau reports that nearly one-fifth of all the deaths reported in 1909 were of infants under one year of age, and over one-quarter were of children under five.

While the population of Australia (4,374,128) is very small in proportion to the enormous area of the country, the per capita purchasing power of the people is undoubtedly considerably above the average of most countries of the world.

A bomb has been invented by a Boston man for destroying insects in trees. The bomb explodes over the tree, discharging a poisonous powder, which settles over every limb and branch. The pervasive scattering of the poison is the chief advantage of the method.

Announcement has been made by an American of the completion of plans for founding an entirely new city in Lower California, directly on the line of the new San Diego and Arizona railway, near the old town of Tia Juana and the international boundary.

Rosario, Argentina, on the river Parana, is the second important city of that country. It has a population of about 200,000. With its modern facilities and improvements it occupies a strategic position in South American commerce and ranks next to Buenos Aires.

For the purpose of making the telephone booth really sound proof a German inventor lines it with tin. It seems that the lining is in every way most efficient. The result is that a German publication now advises all architects to either use tin or aluminum in the walls of houses generally to deaden sound.

A French banker who died recently left a collection of 63,000 cigar bands, each differing in some particular from the others. They had cost him fifty years of smoking and had been arranged systematically in a number of specially constructed cabinets. His children, not caring to keep the bands, sold them at auction for \$4.

W. D. Murphy, the celebrated New York artist, who has painted portraits of six presidents of the United States, two vice presidents, several governors, ambassadors and other widely known men of the social, official and business world, has just completed his remarkable portrait of the late E. H. Harriman. This is the only portrait of Mr. Harriman in existence and has been secured by Mrs. Harriman.

According to a report from Hagen, Germany, the German government has commissioned M. Thorprikler, a Netherlands artist, to draw plans for a new world's city, with greater Berlin as a model. The scheme is to unite the cities of Essen, Dortmund, Elberfeld, Barmen and Hagen under one municipal government. The central architectural feature of the proposed city is to be a monster forum.

FOOTBALL TEAM COMES HIGH

One Thousand a Man is Cost of Harvard Squad.

Another demonstration that football is the most expensive part of a modern education has been made at Harvard, that ancient seat of culture, which confesses that it takes \$1,000 to carry each member of the eleven through an eight weeks' season each autumn. This does not mean that the total expense is but \$11,000, because the average Harvard squad consists of thirty-five men.

But the fault of this expense lies not in the game, but the much abused and



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oft quoted higher cost of living. In fact, it is expected that the report of 1910 athletics will place the figure at \$1,200 a man, or a total of \$42,000. The Harvard Bulletin, organ of the faculty, is somewhat agast at the amount of money spent on athletics during the college year 1909-10, which totaled \$127,945.99, of which football took nearly one-quarter.

JOHN D.'S ACUMEN IN NOSE.

Scents Money and Enemies Through This Organ.

At last the secret of John D. Rockefeller's wealth is out, and the way to millions is open to all. The idea that the Rockefeller fortune was acquired by a combination of an unusually acute brain with fortunate circumstances is fallacious, for the oil king was enabled to pile up his billion through his nose.

Whether a nasal training will be necessary in Yankeeeland before the accumulation of wealth by the newly exposed method is possible is, of course, problematical. In such an



JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

event a course of lectures on "Sniffing For Simoleons" by the discoverer of the system would be popular.

Mr. Rockefeller did not give to the world his system, nor did Thomas W. Lawson. The informant was Professor Telemaque T. Timayenis, authority on Grecian history, who claims to have been one of the Rockefeller household and who has written a book entitled "John D. Rockefeller as He Is." Of the Rockefeller nose he says:

"Mr. Rockefeller attaches much importance to the nose and asserts that it is the one organ which the Almighty bestowed on man to guard him against false friends and designing scoundrels. Picture to yourself a thin old man with a stout nose, a nose which seems not so much the organ of smell as an implement for detecting danger or separating truth from falsehood; also with a pair of hard, cold eyes, which may be blue or orange or yellow or blue and yellow, eyes which emit no welcome, no light heartedness, no contentedness, which show no emotion, but only disappointment, which possess a hypnotic influence, and then perhaps you may understand the secret of the dominant power of John D. Rockefeller."

For Permanent Tariff Board.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—A permanent tariff board of five members to investigate all questions for the benefit of congress is provided for in a bill unanimously agreed on by the house committee on ways and means today. The bill, effective July 1, contains substantially the provisions of the Longworth and Dalzell bills.

When the White House learned today that the committee had agreed unanimously to report favorably on the bill, President Taft expressed great gratification. He was informed shortly before noon by telephone from the capitol that with slight modifications the bill he approved of had been agreed to by both republican and democratic members of the committee. One change is made in the measure which will allow the senate as well as the house to call on the commission for information.

Popular Election of Senators.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Opposition to the resolution now pending in the senate calling for the popular election of its members was voiced today by Senator Depey of New York. While opposing the proposition, he offered an amendment which would entitle all of the male citizens of the United States to cast their ballots in such elections.

To the New York senator, the proposed amendment, as reported from the judiciary committee, seems to be an effort to permit the states to disfranchise large classes of their electors.

"Instead of providing that senators shall be elected by the people of the several states," said the senator, "it virtually gives the people the right to elect senators by impairing the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution, which were intended to secure the elective franchise to all citizens of the United States."

Prohibitionists in Session.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—The national committee of the prohibition party, consisting of two representatives from each state, met here today for the purpose of laying plans for the next presidential campaign. The meeting is expected to last several days and it is probable the city for the next national convention will be selected.

Washington News Notes.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—The senate today adopted a committee amendment to the Indian bill which increases the appropriation for irrigation on the Flathead reservation from \$300,000 to \$400,000.

The house committee on mines has voted to favorably report Representative Pray's bill extending the benefits of the pension system to all men employed at the various government mine rescue stations.

The senate has passed Senator Dixon's bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to grant rights of way across public lands, reserved and unreserved, for a period of 30 years. As now granted, these rights of way are revocable at any time, and Senator Dixon holds that development is retarded because capital will not invest on such uncertain conditions.

Favorable report has been ordered by the senate public lands committee on a bill which passed the house last June, providing that when any lands acquired by the government under the reclamation act are no longer needed for use under that act, they may be appraised and sold by the secretary of the interior at public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the appraised price. No person may acquire more than 160 acres of such land. Where these lands bear improvements, the improvements shall be appraised and sold with the land.

Another Federal Judge For Montana.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Representative Pray appeared before the house judiciary committee today to urge the passage of his bill for the appointment of an additional federal judge for Montana. The indications point to a favorable report from the committee. In his argument today Mr. Pray called attention to the volume of court business now devolving upon one judge. He hopes to secure this legislation during the present session, despite the congested calendar.

Murdered By Crazy Musician.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—David Graham Phillips, the novelist, died in Bellevue hospital last night, a victim of Fitzhugh Goldsborough, an eccentric and emotional musician, who shot the novelist down Monday for a fancied grievance and then killed himself.

The immediate cause of death was hemorrhage of the right lung, which had been pierced by one of the steel-clad bullets from Goldsborough's automatic pistol. Senator Beveridge will have charge of the funeral arrangements.

LaFollette Is Re-elected.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 25.—United States Senator Robert M. LaFollette was today formally re-elected in joint session of the Wisconsin legislature by a big majority. The two houses separately yesterday gave LaFollette 81 out of a grand total of 129 votes.

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