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A board of county commissioners can do more to injure or benefit a county than all the other officials put together. This office is the most important to the taxpayers. A man who is successful in his own affairs will always do well with those of the county. Such men are Messrs. Shepherd, Watts and Lord, whom the republicans have nominated for this place. As a combination they are away ahead of either of the others. Vote them in if you are looking to the welfare of the taxpayers.

SOME ESTIMATES.

Editor Dursian, of the Anaconda Standard, last week telegraphed to the chairmen of the several democratic county committees in the state, asking for a statement of the political outlook in their counties. The Sunday issue of the Standard contained a number of their replies. One acquainted with the state and the condition of affairs in the several counties cannot repress a smile while perusing some of those statements. For instance, from Fergus county, one that has always been overwhelmingly republican, the statement is made that the democrats expect to elect the entire county ticket. The report from Cascade says the democrats and populists are "enthusiastic and united," and the majority for the county ticket is estimated from 750 to 800, when the true facts of the matter are that there is a regular Kilkenny time among them, the central committees of both parties having arbitrarily bounced men off both the populist and democratic tickets who had been nominated by regular convention and attempting to form a fusion. Some of these candidates would not stay bounced and demanded and received from the chairmen and secretaries of their conventions the certificates of their nominations and filed them.

But the biggest farce is the report from Ravalli, and signed C. M. Crutchfield, chairman. Mr. Crutchfield is not chairman, but that doesn't matter. His claim of 1,600 votes in the county, a loss of nearly 300, is about right, but his return of the party votes is most laughable. He gives the democrats 650 votes, the republicans 500 and the populists 450. Two years ago the republican vote for state senator was 826, the democrat 502 and the populist 414. So, according to Mr. Crutchfield, the republicans have lost 326 votes in two years, while the populists have gained 36 and the democrats 48. Charley doesn't believe these figures himself nor does anybody in Ravalli county. He must have been gazing at the moon when he wrote them down. The republicans have 700 votes left in Ravalli county, and the figures in November will bear out this statement. The other two parties will divide about 1,000 between them.

Howard D. Smart is the regular and only nominee of the republicans of Ravalli county for assessor. Republicans should not throw away their votes by voting for Robert Nelson. He does not stand the ghost of a show to be elected, and any republican vote cast for him is only one to help the democratic candidate.

This cry of "corporation" in the judgeship question doesn't amount to a "hill of beans" on either side. What the people want to do is to pass on a man's record. Charges of incompetency, extravagance and partiality have been made against Judge Woody, and no denial has been made to any of them. Judge Woody must be afraid to go before the people upon his record, or he wouldn't have invoked the aid of legal technicalities to keep his opponent's name off the republican ticket, thus seeking to deprive Judge Reeves of many republican votes which he knew Reeves would naturally get, but which he hopes will be lost to him through this piece of sharp practice. This action may be legally correct, but it is a pretty tricky piece of business for one holding such a high judicial position, and should be properly rebuked at the polls.

Don't forget to find George W. Reeves' name in the people's party column and put a cross in front of it.

An exceedingly bright young man, both mentally and in a business sense, is Wynne H. Roberts, whom the republicans of Ravalli county have placed upon their ticket for one of her representatives. He can see a point as quickly as any man, and has the ability to explain and defend his views on any subject. He is a good speaker and one who will command attention in any body. He is also a good parliamentarian, and with Roberts and Kennedy in the house from this county, Ravalli will have reason to feel proud of her representatives, at the same time knowing that her interests are in safe hands.

Fusion was all right so long as it had the democratic tag on it.—Montanian.

What availeth it a republican if he helps elect democrats to office and then gets the horse laugh?

Are democrats fusing with populists in any place where they can hope to win without them? Not much.

Well, well, well! Where would poor old democracy be in Montana if they couldn't get the populists to pull their state chestnuts out of the fire for them?

Judge Woody has soiled the spotlessness of the judicial ermine with the tricks of the sharp politician. Show him what you think of such practices.

Shepherd, Watts and Lord will make a board of commissioners that will look after the interests of every section. And the people can have confidence in them.

The Missoula Democrat was the Missoula Republican until the democratic pie was cut. Now hear the dirty thing lick up the slobbers and cry corruption.—Thompson Falls Montanian.

W. J. Kennedy, in going to the legislature, will take with him, to work for Ravalli county's interests, more than average natural ability, and besides that, will have experience in matters pertaining to the welfare of the state. As a member of the constitutional convention he was brought in contact with the brightest minds of the state, and the discussions and deliberations in that convention have especially fitted him for legislative duties. As clerk of the state supreme court his mind received a legal training which will come into good play next winter in detecting and guarding against mistakes which might be fraught with hurtful consequences. Ravalli needs his presence in the legislative halls.

Only two more issues for the Tribune before election, and yet the "old man" hasn't answered our request and told the taxpayers who comprise the "ring." That is pretty good proof that no ring exists.

If experience and weight in legislative bodies counts for anything with the people of Ravalli county, they will see that Senator Cooper sits in the senate chamber this winter, guarding Ravalli's interests as he did so ably two years ago.

Rev. Dwight L. Moody says: "If the minister is full of the scriptures, he is full of the Holy spirit. But if he is constantly talking about capital and labor, and the questions of the day, he cannot have much of this spirit." How does that strike you?

Mr. Matts also has invoked the aid of the courts to restrain Judge Smartly's name from being placed in more than one column on the official ballot. Would-be judges should study the life of Sampson. He pulled down the columns, but he went down with them.—Missoulian.

The democrats of Montana won't recognize the populist national candidate for the vice-presidency, indeed, they are always making faces at him and ridiculing him. But they are quite willing to recognize populist votes for the democrats on the state ticket. Populists are darn good fellows so long as they are helping democracy, but they will be just the scum of the earth two years from now if they should chance not to fuse in counties where the democrats cannot get elected without their help. In counties where democrats can hope to win without them, populists won't even get a smell of the pie while it is baking.

REPUBLICANS.

When you go the polls do not content yourselves with voting the straight republican ticket. Remember that through a legal technicality the name of George W. Reeves was not allowed to be placed on the republican ticket, although he was nominated by the republican convention of Missoula county and petitioned for by a great many more than the requisite number of the republicans of Ravalli county. See to it that this attempt to stifle your wishes in the hope that you will be careless and allow yourselves to overlook that important position is not sucessful. Find Judge Reeves' name in the people's party column and put a cross in front of it, and so rebuke the schemers.

Nelson won't get 200 votes in the county for assessor. Are you, as a republican, going to virtually throw away your vote by casting it for him when by so doing you will not help him to the office, but will only be taking one away from Stuart, who is deserving of every republican vote in the county? If you vote for Nelson it will be equivalent to casting half a vote for the democratic candidate.

If you are considering expenses in this matter of casting your vote, take into consideration the fact that the sheriff's office can be made an important medium of cost. Ravalli county has the most economical sheriff in the state. Then, why should the taxpayers want to change him?

If you want to vote for Charley Hartman, look for his name in the silver republican column and put a cross to the left of it. That is the only place you will find it on the official ballot.

George F. Washburn chairman of the Chicago branch of the populist national campaign committee, says: "From the beginning of the campaign to the present time I have aggressively and fearlessly insisted upon the recognition of our candidate, Mr. Watson, and of the interests of the people's party, and shall continue to do so until the end of the campaign."

That's all the good it will do him. The democrats are not giving the populists anything they don't have to this year.

No man in Ravalli county works harder than Lew Williams, our present county clerk and recorder. Frequently he can be found laboring until late hours in the night to keep up with the work that constantly pours in upon him. Lew isn't afraid of work, and takes pride in keeping the business of the office well up. He is honest and steady, as well as industrious. Can either of the other candidates fill the place as well? That is the question for the voters to answer.

The republican ticket stands today as it has always stood. It has not been monkeyed with or amended. It was nominated by as representative a convention of republicans as was ever held in Ravalli county. It was put up by the largest representation of delegates ever gathered together here. It is a representative ticket. No man on it needs an apology or bolstering up. It has not been torn to pieces to please anyone. It stands on its merits, and will be elected by people who are satisfied with the good work already accomplished.

Four years ago Bob Smith talked all over the state for democracy. Two years ago Bob Smith talked all over the state denouncing democracy. This year Bob Smith went over a portion of the state talking for democracy again, and now he has gone to California to tell the "native sons of the golden west" what a good thing democracy is. Now you see him and now you don't see him. Bob Smith is the "little joker" of Montana. How do you like a "little joker" for governor? Talk about your "shell games!" What does our contemporary think of Bob Smith?

It is all right for such papers as the Anaconda Standard, the Butte Miner, and Inter Mountain, and the Helena Independent, which have a large circulation in the middle and doubtful states, to fill their columns with arguments for silver, for they reach sections where they can have an effect. But for little country weeklies in Montana to ignore their local tickets in order to display their friendship for silver is useless, and can have no effect, because they cannot reach outside of this state, which is already won for silver by over 10,000. The field of the country weekly is in its own county and adjoining sections, and many of them in Montana are making the mistake of thinking that their little piping for Bryan or McKinley will change the result in the nation. It might, if Montana was close, but it isn't.

The Northwest Tribune got out an extra this week in order that the editor might repeat, in little stronger terms, the criminal libel for which a grand jury of representative citizens indicted him last spring. The "old man" must be going crazy. Does he want to be defendant in a second criminal case?

Don't pay any attention to the circle at the top of your ballot. Mark an X to the left of every man you want to vote for, taking care that you don't vote for more than one person for each office, except presidential electors, representatives and commissioners. Put your X to the left of three names for presidential electors, two for representatives and three for commissioners.

Not having any candidate of their own for county treasurer, the democrats must chose between John Dowling, the present incumbent, and J. K. Squiers. They will vote according to their judgment as to which is the best man to serve the people in this very responsible position. Party allegiance having been eliminated from the question, we have no doubt a large majority of the democrats will vote to retain Mr. Dowling for another term, the last one for which he will run.

The Standard's partisan correspondent from Great Falls, in last Saturday's issue, speaks about republican corruption in Fort Benton, and states that a few years ago some of the republican officials of Choteau county were sent to the penitentiary for wrong doing while in office. Such talk as that is actually criminal. The Choteau county officials who were sent to the penitentiary were all democrats, including Johnny Murphy of Butte, clerk of the court and a satellite of John W. Tattan, and Jimmy Arnoux, a county commissioner, who lives on the road between Benton and Highwood. These men both belonged to the old Johnny Healy ring which dominated politics in Choteau county for many years before the people began to roll up republican votes and fired the last of the gang out.

You want to vote for Judge Reeves. Then don't fail to find his name in the people's party column and make a cross in front of it.

Dons Get Their Backs Up.

Madrid, Oct. 18.—Commenting upon the statement contained in a dispatch from Washington that President Cleveland intends to intervene in Cuba, in a manner tantamount to the recognition of the independence of the insurgents, the Imparcial declares Spain ought to demand a full explanation of the Washington government.

She cannot brook such a threat over her head, continues the Imparcial, even for a single day. By what right do the United States define the time for Spain to settle a question of her internal administration? It must be affirmed before the whole world that the American government cannot impose any sort of terms upon us."

After denouncing the United States "fiction at neutrality," the Imparcial concludes as follows: "The conduct of the United States will arouse international indignation. If Spain should remain alone in conflict with the United States, Spaniards, by their own efforts, will know how to mark the difference between the noble defenders of their own property and the vile traffickery at Washington."

Have you noticed that in the majority of cases before the district court in Ravalli county, C. B. Calkins, the republican nominee for county attorney, is on one side or the other? Doesn't that speak well for his ability and fitness for the office for which the party has nominated him? He is the most industrious attorney in the county, and he will labor just as hard for the people as he does for private clients. Then don't you think he is just the man the county needs? Answer this question with your ballots on November 3d. And be certain you answer it as a citizen who has the welfare of his county at heart. We think we can trust you to do so.

A Grab For Town Lots.

Boulder, Oct. 17.—The greatest excitement this usually quiet town has experienced in many years occurred today, on receipt of the news that General Land Commissioner Lamoreaux had decided against the Northern Pacific railroad and also against two homestead filings on 120 acres of Boulder's townsite, thus making it government land. The news spread and soon every able bodied man turned out with tape line and pick and shovel and began jumping town lots. Several hundred lots were jumped and the end is not yet. The scene presented was one of unusual activity for this town, several hundred men digging post holes, erecting fences and others hurrying back and forth with teams getting material on the ground for fencing. The railroad company have still the right to appeal to the secretary of the interior, which they will probably do.

Knute Nelson to Botkin.

Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota, one of the foremost Scandinavians in the United States, has written to Hon. A. C. Botkin the following personal letter:

Alexandria, Minn., Oct. 12.—Gov. A. C. Botkin.—Dear Friend: I am very glad, indeed, to learn that the republicans of Montana have nominated you for governor. To my mind they could not have done a wiser act, and I sincerely hope they will have the good sense to elect you. You have been a staunch republican ever since you was a boy, and have been one of the pillars of our party. I wish I had the time to leave the campaign work here as I would like very much to come and help you. There are a great many Norwegian friends of mine in your state, especially in Dane county and southern Wisconsin. I wish I could come there and see them, and ask them as a friend to give you their support. I am sure that if they knew you and knew the stand you have always taken on public questions, and knew your ability and integrity as well as I do, they would all vote for you. Wishing you success, and trusting you may be elected by a large majority, I remain, yours truly,

KNUTE NELSON.

Accidentally Shot.

Missoula, Oct. 16.—A special to the Standard from Iron Mountain says: Thomas O'Brien, a prominent miners' union man, formerly of Wallace, Idaho, was accidentally shot today on Dry creek. He died in 10 minutes from the effects of the wound. A coroner's jury has left here for the scene of the accident, and the particulars will not be learned till their return.

Thomas O'Brien was president of the miners' union in the Coeur d'Alene during the strike and was well known all over the northwest. He had spent much of his time in Missoula during the last two years and had many friends here. He was last here about three weeks ago.

The schools of Ravalli county were never in a better state of efficiency than now. Much of the credit of this condition is due to the untiring efforts of the present very able superintendent, Miss Anna Bond. The position of superintendent of schools is one in which it is not advisable to make continual changes. Miss Bond is now thoroughly acquainted with each school district and its affairs, and can better look after them than a new official. Parents should see that no change is made this year, at least. It is not so much a party question as it is a question of what is best for the schools and the children. Miss Bond should be retained.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A famine is threatened in India. It is having a tendency to bring up the price of American wheat.

The Chinese highbinders in San Francisco are at war. Extra police are necessary to prevent bloodshed.

Six desperadoes held up the town of Carney, 20 miles from Guthrie, O. T., and robbed 12 stores and the post office. A posse is now in pursuit.

A special from Bombay announces that a bucket of tar was poured over the statue of Queen Victoria and a pair of gold sandals tied around her neck one night last week.

Mrs. Amy A. Price, a handsome young widow of Philadelphia, committed suicide by shooting because of the death of her fiance. She was well known in the east as a newspaper correspondent.

A posse of 50 men is pursuing six robbers who rode into Puryear, Tenn., and after robbing the safe of Broughton Bros. of several hundred dollars, set fire to the store and also to other stores, which they robbed.

Sheriff Barnes, of Park county, Ohio, arrested G. W. Legg, the defaulting treasurer of that county, in Vancouver, B. C. Two days before Legg's term of office expired he disappeared leaving a deficit of $15,000.

County workhouse prisoners at work near Soddy, Tenn., mutinied, and 28 made a rush on the wardens, who opened on them with shotguns, wounding half the men, all negroes, seriously, and quelling all except four who escaped. It is thought that four of the wounded will die.

Mail advices from Tamatave, Madagascar, say the rebellion is general throughout the island. Some French settlers have been killed on the open roads. Antalapa, near Diego Sauvez has been wiped out, all the whites being killed. Trade between the interior and the coast is suspended.

A dispatch from Chicago says that the joint traffic association has declared a boycott against the Clover Leaf, and all roads in the association have been ordered to cease all business with it after October 22. None of its tickets will be accepted for transportation over any of the joint traffic association roads after that date. The reason for the boycott is declared to be the actions of the Clover Leaf in cutting rates and giving sleeping car and chair car privileges to holders of second class tickets.

S. Sherrin, for many years the secretary of the national democratic committee and the Indiana member of that committee, in a statement prepared by him for the Indianapolis News, repudiates the nomination of Bryan and Sewall, and declares against them. He denounces in a most vigorous manner the fusion of Indiana democrats with populists. Sherin says he still is a democrat and will never be a populist, and calls upon members of the party to repudiate the ticket nominated at Chicago.

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Witnessed the Horrid Spectacle.

New York, Oct. 18.—Madji Rahsian is a Christian Turk who was one of the passengers on board the La Gascogne, which arrived today. He comes to the country on a business trip. Through an interpreter he told about the massacres of the Armenians. He was in Constantinople during the three days' massacre in August last, when 30,000 Armenians, he said were slaughtered throughout the empire. Wagons filled with bodies were constantly passing through the streets of Constinople, and load after load of these bodies was dumped into the sea. The sight was a sickening one, and what added to its horror was the fact that in those wagons were piled the dead and dying, and feeble cries of the wounded for release could be heard coming from the carts, but the appeals were utterly unheeded. Whether killed or wounded all were thrown into the sea.

Mr. Rahsian says the Europeans have not been molested up to date, but they are leaving Constantinople, fearing an attack.

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Notice for Bids.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive written and sealed proposals from publishers of newspapers of general circulation, published within the county, and having been published continuously in this county for six months prior to December 1, 1896, to do and perform all the printing and advertising for which this county may be chargeable, including all legal advertising required by law to be made, blanks, blank books and official publications, for a period of two years, beginning January 1st, 1897; said proposals to be made in gross in the form of one uniform per cent of legal rates, on any and all work, without any further specifications; said proposals to be opened and considered at the next regular meeting, on Monday, December 7, 1896 and to be filed with the clerk at or before 10 o'clock on the above date. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

LEW E. WILLIAMS,
County Clerk.

Notice for Proposals.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned will receive sealed proposals from resident, practicing physicians of this county for a contract to furnish all medical attendance and medicine to the sick, poor and infirm inmates of the county poorhouse and county jail for a period of one year, beginning January 1, 1897; said proposals to be addressed to the county clerk, and to be opened and said contract awarded at the next regular December, 1896, session. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids; said bids to be filed with the county clerk at or before Monday, Dec. 7, at 10 o'clock.

LEW E. WILLIAMS,
County Clerk.

Notice for Proposals.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will receive sealed bids or proposals for a contract for the care, support and maintenance of the sick, poor and indigent of the county, per capita, by the week, for a period of one year, beginning July 1, 1897, said proposals to be addressed to the county clerk, and the entire cost of feeding, nursing and medical expenses of the poor, sick and infirm persons of the county, said bids to be opened and contract awarded at the regular December 1896 session on Monday, December 7, at 10 o'clock. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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