

A SENATOR FROM MONTANA.

The legislature of Montana meets in biennial session next Monday, and one of its duties is to elect a United States senator to succeed Senator Stanton. The assembly is overwhelmingly democratic, owing to the split in the republican party by the cry of "free silver" which had been taken up by the democrats in order to secure offices in the silver producing states, and which is followed by a lot of people who could not tell if they were asked what "free silver" meant but which they have been led to believe would be a panacea for all troubles and permit the majority of people in the west to live and grow rich without working. These people have followed the democratic banner, forsaking those colors behind which they formerly marched to the refrain of "Protection, Bimetallism and Prosperity," and forgetting that the democratic party never did do a single thing or pass a single act when in power that would enhance the price of silver or even keep it at the price where it was left by the republicans when that party surrendered the reins of government to democracy. They had been told that only through democracy can silver mines again be worked in Montana, and just sight of the plain fact that it was under a democratic administration that silver mines were forced to close and that many of these said mines, like those of Granite county, have been re-opened and are now successfully running since the republican party took hold of affairs. They were told that only through democracy could gold times come again, and, like natural born idiots, a great many just opened their mouths and swallowed the statement without inquiring what ingredients of truth there were in its concoction. They have seen in the past, eighteen months times growing better and more prosperous have seen money easier to get hold of, more mines working and more labor employed in the state of Montana; have witnessed trains loaded down with merchandise, produce and passengers come into and go through their state; have had more employment at good wages and have had more money and lived better than through all the four years when democracy ran the business of the country. They had realized, some in their own persons, the hard times and the sufferings; the army of tramps and the shutting down of industries; the breaking of banks and the closing of business houses under democratic policies and yet, with their eyes open, went and voted to put that party back in charge. And because a lot of such people temporarily took counsel of anything besides their own common horse sense, and followed the ignis fatuus of "free silver" into the democratic swamp, the party of broken promises, unfulfilled pledges and general round failure in making practice "joke," with theory are once more on top in Montana, and will control, without opposition, the selection of the next United States senator.

But we did not start out to make a political article of this, but rather to speak of the coming senatorial contest. As noted at the first, the democracy has its own way in the matter, and that party alone will have the choice of senator. One consolation in all this to republicans, who are citizens of Montana and desire the welfare of their state above mere party supremacy, is that there are, after all, a number of good men among the leading democrats of Montana who are also good citizens and who the people of Montana would not be ashamed of if any of these were sent as their representative in the highest legislative body in the land. There are various names already suggested by the press for this high honor, and we presume there is a dark horse or two in training. The names most prominent at present are W. G. Conrad of Fort Benton, one of the old stand-bys of the democratic party in the state, the first mayor of the city of Fort Benton and one who has represented his county in the legislature. Mr. Conrad seems to have hopes and is already in Helena looking over his fences. There is William Wirt Dixon of Butte who has already represented Montana in congress, who is an estimable old gentleman, a good lawyer, but hardly of senatorial timber. There is ex-Gov. Toole of Helena, general Joe Toole, who has the experience gained in the lower house of congress and territorial legislature, has ability and fine presence, and of whom no Montana would be ashamed. There is W. A. Clark, the Butte millionaire, twice the choice of the senatorial caucus of his party and twice within a few votes of the coveted honor, but who, unfortunately for his aspirations, is at present at odds with the

dominant wing of the dominant party and may therefore be passed over as not to be seriously considered as a possibility. There is Rod Leggett, who is destined to get no farther than a mention. From Anaconda come the names of two gentlemen who are entitled to serious consideration. One is J. H. Durston, the able editor of the Anaconda Standard, who would make an able senator if knowledge of affairs, intimacy with leading men of the nation and undoubted ability were the only consideration. The other is Hon. E. D. Mattis, once state senator from Missoula county, in which capacity he achieved his principal reputation by the brilliant and scathing speech that knocked the last leg from Clerk's senatorial aspirations in the famous senatorial fight of 1893. Mr. Mattis is a natural orator and has other gifts that would enable him to creditably represent the state, although many people have got an idea that his voice is all there is to the man.

All of the men mentioned have friends and champions, and unless the winner has already been chosen by those who are able to swing the members to their way of thinking it promises to be as pretty a fight as one would like to witness, with the field for a choice against any one. However, should the fight turn into a prolonged deadlock, it would be a very simple matter to turn from the whole bunch and call on the real leader of Montana democracy, the man to whom the chief credit for the democratic legislative majority is due, and clear the whole atmosphere without leaving any ranking sores by unanimously centering on Marcus Daly. We believe that would be the best solution to the whole affair, and we are certain that his selection would please more people in Montana than that of any other. Mr. Daly is vitally interested in the welfare of Montana and he has done more than any other one man to advance that welfare. He has not spent his wealth outside of the state, like some, nor has he hoarded it like others, but he has put it in circulation in a practical way which has given thousands of other men a chance to improve their circumstances. He knows the needs of every section of the state, and could be depended upon to keep them all in mind. His selection would be hailed with satisfaction by republicans as well as democrats, and it would be the happiest outcome of the whole contest.

John Byrne, state inspector of mines by appointment of Gov. Smith, in his annual report for the year 1898, says: "This has been a year of progressive prosperity to the mining interests. Fewer suspensions have occurred than for many years past and most of the mines closed down have done so only temporarily. On the other hand, many famous producers have resumed active operations." The general impression that this was an era of prosperity was strenuously combated a few weeks ago by democratic editors and newspapers, but here comes some evidence in rebuttal from an unexpected source. Mr. Byrne evidently cannot tell a lie, even to favor the ridiculous contention referred to.—Yellowstone Journal.

Miles Romney, the sage of the Western News, left yesterday to attend the meeting of the Montana State Press association, which promises to be an important one. Miles is about the only newspaper man from Ravalli county that will attend. The publisher of this paper would have liked very much to go, but an overplus of work just at present prevented. However, he will be with the boys in spirit, and hopes their meeting will result in good to both the editorial and business ends of the various papers of the state.

Senator Harris of Kansas, attributes the defeat of the populist party in that state to good crops, good prices, good times generally, and a good national administration. A party that depends for perpetuity upon the reverse of these conditions is certainly not entitled to come to life very often.—Globe-Democrat.

Near Death's Door. Helena, Dec. 26.—Mrs. D. W. Fisk, wife of one of the owners of the Helena Herald, and a daughter of the late Major Walker, U. S. A., and niece of the late James G. Blaine, is near to death's door from a complication of troubles that originated in stomach troubles. It is feared she cannot survive many hours. Helena, Dec. 27.—Mrs. D. W. Fisk died this afternoon. Her sister, Mrs. O. J. Salisbury, of Salt Lake, was with her.

A Broken Leg. Missoula, Dec. 26.—Charles Dodge is lying at the Rankin hotel tonight with a badly broken leg caused by his horse falling upon him this afternoon. Dodge was riding down Rattlesnake valley when his horse slipped on some ice and fell heavily, striking the rider's leg. He was found by Will Edwards who brought him to town. Dr. Buckley was summoned and the fracture reduced. Dodge is well known here, having been a sergeant in Troop F, 3rd U. S. volunteer cavalry.

Delinquent Tax List FOR 1898.

Office of the County Treasurer of Ravalli County, Montana, December 21, 1898. Notice is hereby given that the following list contains the names of persons and a description of the real property situated in the County of Ravalli, and which is delinquent for taxes due the County of Ravalli for the year 1898, with the amount of taxes due opposite each name. Unless the taxes, so delinquent as aforesaid, together with the costs and percentage, are paid, the real property upon which such taxes are a lien will be sold at public auction upon the 23rd day of January, 1899, in front of the court house of said county. Given under my hand this 21st day of December, 1898. J. K. SMITH, County Treasurer of Ravalli County, Montana.

Table listing delinquent tax payers and their property. Columns include name, address, and amount. Entries include Anderson, Robert; Anderson, Anna; Adde, W.T.; A.F. & M.; Big Blackfoot Milling Co.; Bay, W.C.; Bickel, F.O.; Bickford, W.M.; Brady, John L.; Bernuth, J.F.; Burton, William; Buchmann, A.S.; Baker, B.D.; Baldwin, S.B.; Butler, John; Bartholomew, A.M.; Barke, Richard; Beam, Wallace B.; Brown, W.A.; Bean, Mary E.; Bledgett, B.V.; Blankenship, J.D.; Bean, Lizzie P.; Benson, D.L. (ESQ.); Barnes, William; Burch, W.H.; Bauder, A.H.; Bauer, Teresa; Brewster, J.F.P.; Buck, John; Cahn, M.; Cappel, F.W.; Clark, William; Commonwealth and Trust Co.; Capps, Marlon; Caprice & Smith; Coulson, E.E.; Chaflin, A.M.; Coover, O.S.; Cutlin, Mrs. Lizzie; Comp. Holt, E. (estate); Cooper, Thos. J.; Dixon, Geo. W.; Dow, Alex.; Donley, N.B. (estate); Demas, Samuel; Davis, H.C.; DeNayer, Mrs. Julia; Downing, Eli.; Dawson, John C. (estate); Dent, Jos.; Dykeman, Mrs. Julia; Daubman, A.M.; Davenport, S.A.; Dixon, H.B.; Dixon, W.L.; Dole, William; Donaldson, Ed.; Donaldson, A.J.; Hade, F.R.; Elliott, A.E.; Eike, A.B.; Egan, E.B.; Flanigan, Mrs. Teresa; Fortener, W.S.; Florida, Milton; Gunther, Kate; Gowan, B.B.; Griffen, D.C. (estate); Garner, Philip A.; Glatpatric, Catherine; Groff, Mrs. N.E.; Garnett, George H.; Geyen, A.H.; Greenup, D.E.; Greenup, R.D.; Grayham, David; Grate, Mrs. Rosa; Grash, William; Graves, Charles.

GEO. McGRATH, M. D. C. M. Graduate of Queen's College, Med. list in Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics. Office over Ravalli County Bank. Hamilton, Montana.

T. H. HANBIDGE, M. D. Specialist for Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. AND FITTING GLASSES. First National Bank Building. Missoula.

GEORGE T. BAGGS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA. Opposite Court House.

Notice to Creditors. Estate of Wm. K. Cloek, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of William K. Cloek, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said A. H. Downing, of the County of Ravalli, State of Montana, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in the County of Ravalli, State of Montana, at Hamilton, Montana, Dec. 24, 1898. A. H. DOWNING, Administrator of the estate of William K. Cloek, deceased. (First publication Dec. 28, 1898.)

Notice for Publication. U. S. Land Office, Missoula, Montana. December 22, 1898. Notice is hereby given in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington territory," that the following named lands are reserved for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Missoula, Montana, on Thursday, the 23rd day of March, 1899. ALICE M. BEAM

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