

Professor Hinsdale, the biographer of Garfield, who is commonly thought of as "the martyred President," claims to have in his possession documents to prove that during the last presidential campaign Garfield entered into a compact with Jay Gould whereby the latter furnished \$100,000 to the campaign fund on condition that Stanley Matthews should be appointed a justice of the Supreme Court. Hinsdale says he will give these proofs to the world at some future date. If the story be true it is a terrible stain upon the memory of the people's idol. Garfield has always been regarded as the personification of political purity and as giving promise of political reforms, only rendered nugatory by his untimely and tragic end. This compact, if it really existed, would seem a death-blow to the hope that American politics can be conducted other than upon the basis of corruption, and that even the most honorable office is but a thing to be bought by the highest bidder.

A meeting of citizens is to be held this evening to consider matters of public interest, at which there will doubtless be a large attendance of business men. The occasion would seem most opportune for an active movement toward the organization of a Board of Trade. Such an institution cannot be placed in working order at one meeting, but much can be done in that direction. Let those who are present this evening, and who feel disposed to become members of a Board of Trade, signify such willingness by presenting their names, and, if considered advisable, temporary officers may be elected at once. The appointment of a committee to draft a form of constitution, we should consider a necessary preliminary, and at an early meeting of this embryonic board, the committee would present its report, and the organization would be perfected with little formality.

We have repeatedly endeavored to demonstrate the benefits which would arise from the existence of an active Board of Trade and the necessity of such an organization in Livingston in a greater degree than in other Montana towns which already have them. The business welfare of this town and the common good demand, and will from time to time continue to demand, certain action on the part of the people. There is now absolutely no means of taking such action, except by the awkward and often impracticable method of calling a public meeting, and there discussing the matter. Very frequently no one can be found who feels like assuming the responsibility of calling such a meeting and of urging the object upon public attention. By a permanent association of business men these difficulties would be in a great measure obviated. A Board of Trade would be a sort of representative body, which would temporarily stand in the position almost of a town government, or would at least be a guardian of the public weal, and an active element in forwarding the town's prosperity. Unity of action can alone secure a desired public benefit, and there is no such union under present circumstances in Livingston. We trust that some public spirited gentleman who attends the citizens' meeting this evening will present and advocate the matter, and make a diligent effort to secure the organization of a Board of Trade in Livingston. We urge the idea, not because it is a hobby which we resolved to ride at all times, but because the subject under consideration is one of paramount public importance.

James McKeever, who was convicted at the last term of the Miles City court and sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary for highway robbery, escaped from that institution three weeks ago, was recaptured, subsequently adjudged insane and committed to the Warm Springs asylum, from whence he escaped, stealing a pair of horses in his flight and has not been recaptured. This McKeever was a partner in crime with Edwards, who escaped from Sheriff Johnson, of Custer county, while on his way to Deer Lodge, and who is currently believed to be identical with the notorious desperado Lon Williams. They were fit partners and have both succeeded in getting free again.

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