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A new feature of the telegraphers' strike is the exhibition of public sentiment in the form of a petition to the companies asking that the difficulty be settled as soon as possible. When such action becomes the rule with the public that is suffering from the strike we may expect an adjustment of differences in some way.

On the second Monday in January next a convention will meet at Helena to frame a constitution preparatory to asking congress to admit Montana as a state. The delegates who will compose the convention will be elected at a general election, to be held on the first Monday in November next. By the apportionment provided in the act of legislature Gallatin county will elect five of total forty-five delegates, beside assisting to elect two delegates at large, who will represent the judicial district. This constitutional convention and its preliminary election seems to be attracting little attention as yet though, if we view the matter aright, it is of more than passing importance. Montana stands a fair chance to become a state at some time during the next two years and the constitution to be framed by this convention will be the one with which she will probably begin life as a full member of the Union. It is true that the constitution thus framed must be presented to the people for adoption by vote, but it is safe to say that it will not be defeated, even though its provisions should be odious and contrary to principles of good government. It is darkly hinted that the principal struggle in the convention will arise from a movement to draft a constitution in the railroad interest. If any such intention be in existence (and why should there not be?) it behooves the electors of Montana to take thought who they elect as delegates to this convention. Politics, say the newspaper forecasters, will not enter into the contest, but we differ from others in believing that to a great extent the issue will turn upon a party basis. Where parties are pretty evenly divided the political issue is bound to come in full view whatever may be the ultimate object of the election. In this instance it would appear best that the party strength be fully tried as it is well to know upon what political ground Montana stands.

The Miles City Fire.

The losses by the late fire, with the amount of insurance, as stated in the Miles City Press, are as follows:

H. E. Wolf, Cosmopolitan theatre	\$5,000
George Merrit, lunch room	100
Wright & Durkee, saloon	200
Haineman & McTiernan, saloon	1,500
S. Simons, tobacco, etc.	1,500
Basinski Bros.	25,000
W. E. Savage & Co., drugs	13,000
R. G. Redd, building	3,000
R. G. Redd, personal effects	400
Wertheimer & Outten, jewelry	1,000
Dr. Dodge, dentist	500
Total	\$51,200

INSURANCES.

Basinski	\$10,000
Dr. Redd	3,000
Savage & Co.	7,000
Total	\$20,000

The authority quoted above states that the fire was the result of incendiaryism and that the authorities have a clue to the guilty parties. Ten gallons of coal oil had just been received into the Cosmopolitan and that fuel greatly augmented the flames. There was no wind or the destruction of property would have been much greater.

Rigney's Lynching.

Says the Miles City Press: A rap came at the door of the residence of Mr. Conly, the jailer, and a voice called out, "Come over to the jail, Conly, we have another prisoner for you." Mr. Conly went immediately, and as he descended into the area he was seized firmly by some men masked and armed, secreted there, and his pistol and keys were taken away from him. Opening the jail door, the men called Rigney out. He came forth wearing only his shirt and socks, and was hastened away from the building, his captors first thrusting Mr. Conly into the prison room and then throwing the key away. Rigney was carried to the culvert at the point where the road extending from Main street passes under the railroad track a short distance northeast of town. Here he was hung to the track and left dangling over the road. It is supposed that he fancied throughout that he was being rescued by his friends.

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