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The Gould-Garfield compact is again under discussion in the newspapers. The details are that Indiana was carried for Garfield by \$300,000 in money paid by Jay Gould and C. P. Huntington, of the Union Pacific, in consideration of an agreement signed by Garfield that he should appoint Stanley Matthews to the supreme court, which was done.

The original map, prepared to show the limits of the various standard times was colored as follows: Intercolonial belt, brown; eastern, red; central, blue; mountain, green; Pacific, yellow. Somebody has proposed that the names of these colors be applied to the various standard times, the eastern time to be called "red time," the central, "blue time," and so on, and already the new idea has been adopted by some of the eastern railroad men. The idea seems to be a good one, and it probably affords the briefest possible manner of designating the various kinds of times.

The secretary of the interior in his late reports mentions a number of schools for the education of Indian youth, and recommends the establishment of more. Why is it not advisable to locate such schools in Montana? There is no dearth of Indians in the territory who are desperately in need of redemption from the natural state of ignorance in which their forefathers lived. Except a score or two who have been shipped to eastern schools and a system of quasi instruction supposed to be carried out at the agencies, there is no educative process at work among Montana Indians, and for that they are less self-reliant and more indolent than their forefathers the condition of the present generation of Indians in this country is rather worse than any that have preceded them. There are such schools in Oregon, Dakota and Indian Territory; why not in Montana?

The report of Attorney General Brewster contains the following section: "Under the provision of existing laws there are appointed in each of the territories (except Dakota) one chief justice and two associate justices. Much complaint is made by the bar and citizens having business before territorial courts that the same judge who presides at the trials in the district courts also sits in the supreme court when his decisions are reviewed. The justice of these complaints is so apparent that comment is unnecessary. The matter is therefore submitted for your consideration. Since it is essential that the supreme court of each territory should be composed of an uneven number of judges, the public interest requires that a fourth judge should be appointed in each of the territories if the judge sitting below is not to sit in review of his bases. Moreover, the business in each of the territories is sufficient to justify the appointment of another judge, making four instead of three; there is, therefore, no reason why congress should not grant the citizens of the several territories the relief they ask for in this respect." This is the most considerate reference to the needs of the territories that cabinet officers have deigned to make for many a year. If the recommendation be carried out Montana at least will have been relieved of one of the greatest hardships incident to her position as a government ward.

Beside the reduction of postage on local or drop letters from two cents to one, the postmaster general in his report advises that the unit of weight in letter postage be advanced from half an ounce to one ounce. These reductions are warranted by the fact that during the first fiscal year the department has received a surplus over expenses of \$1,500,000. For the next year a deficiency is expected of about \$3,000,000, which must be supplied out of the general treasury. Interesting statistics are furnished by the report, of which we extract the following:

The number of employes in the postoffice department at Washington is 558. The whole number of postmasters and other employes in the country are as follows: Postmasters, 47,803; contractors, 4,944; clerks in postoffices, 8,040; letter carriers, 3,680; railway postoffice clerks, 8,855; postoffice inspectors, 80. Total, 69,020. The number of registered letters and parcels sent last year was 10,504,716, of which 7,842,827 were domestic letters, 444,789 letters to foreign countries; 988,075 were domestic parcels; 22,706 were parcels to foreign countries; and 1,229,219

were letters and parcels of official matter for the government. The amount of registry fees collected was \$996,549.70, an increase of \$85,057.80. Of letters and parcels opened during the year to restore them to the writers, 16,301 contained money amounting to \$32,647.23. 48,095 contained drafts, checks, money orders, etc., representing \$1,481,981.47; 96,808 contained merchandise, sample books, etc.; 66,187 contained receipts, paid notes, canceled drafts, insurance papers, etc.; 35,160 contained photographs. From letters which the department failed to find owners the sum of \$7,782.16 was separated and deposited in the United States treasury.

A telegram from Washington says that last summer Henry M. Poor, compiler of the Railway Manual, became satisfied that the Northern Pacific railway company was concealing a large floating indebtedness, and that the stock must suffer a heavy decline. He formed a syndicate and sold the stock secretly to the amount, it is said, of 40,000 shares. The stock was above 80 and went below 40. The profits were in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

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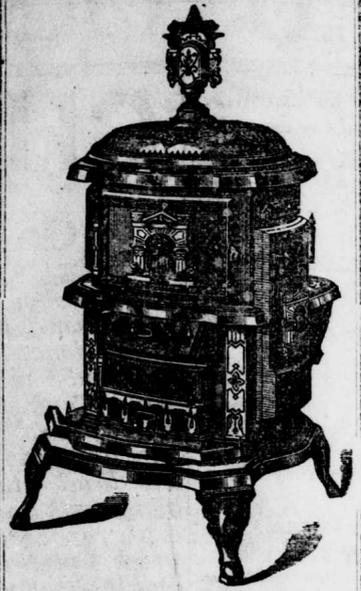
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