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WALTER M. O'DWYER, EDITOR.

TO THE PUBLIC.

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JERRY COLLINS,
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NORTHWESTERN GROWTH.

The progress of St. Paul is in a measure an index to that of the entire northwest. It is gratifying, accordingly, to find in the Journal of Commerce, which is doing good service for the trade of that city the following good report. It says: "St. Paul is forging ahead as the leading city of the west. This year its wholesale trade will reach more than \$100,000,000. Its building for the first five months has reached the astonishing figure of \$3,900,000 as against \$1,600,000 for the corresponding months of 1886. Everywhere are evidences of solid and substantial progress. Its manufacturers are looming up at South St. Paul, at North St. Paul and all around the city. There is nothing ephemeral in it. There is nothing of the boom element in it. These improvements are made on the ground; made of solid brick and stone, and paid for in hard cash; not on cheap paper with flaming red ink headlines. It is a boom on solid conservative business principles, and has come to stay because there is no place for it to remain and work profitably and legitimately. A year ago when the croakers predicted a crash from the then, as they said, extravagantly fictitious prices of realty, we said the same things we say now, and asserted then that prices of real estate would go up still higher because they were below their actual value. They are still too low and will advance. We are growing. We increased 25,000 in population last year, and this year will show a still greater increase, both in population and business."

PROTECTION.

Prompt measures should be taken to hunt down the robbers who attacked the stage on its way to the National park. The robbers were evidently new at the business, but they acted boldly enough to become dangerous if no special effort is made to guard the road and effect their capture. As the stage must have been almost within the limits of the National park, it is the duty of the United States authorities to exercise the greatest vigilance in that quarter. The railroad company should do its part by running its trains at hours that would enable passengers to make the journey from Cinnabar to the Mammoth Hot Springs—a distance of only eight miles—in the daytime. The territory should also co-operate in exterminating the robbers who would introduce here the lawless methods which were recently employed in plundering railroad trains in Texas. All citizens should aid in upholding the good name of Montana, where life and liberty are now happily safe, and where everyone has the fullest freedom to engage in the pursuit of happiness.

SOCIAL RENOWN.

The lesson which the celebration teaches socially, is that Great Falls has great capacity for promoting enjoyment. The park and the drives supplement the splendid scenery of the Missouri rapids and of the Sun river. The hotels provide ample accommodation for visitors and are always ready to promote sociability.

Our people are hospitable, and always find time to mingle pleasure with business. The young men are good organizers and the ladies are ever ready to second their efforts. It follows that, as the city becomes more populous, it will also gain that reputation for gaiety and refined amusements which do so much to attract people to places such as St. Paul, Minneapolis and San Francisco.

It follows, also, that we might claim, as well as Chicago, that this is an excellent summer resort. The assumption of the Garden City was deemed absurd by places which had acquired renown as summer resorts alone, but people continue to flock to Chicago from the country, while the residents of that city reciprocate by seeking rural haunts. This interchange has taught them all that it is not pure air alone that people need in hot summer months, but rest from toil, change of scene and recreation. In like manner we may expect that pleasure-seekers will come here from crowded cities, mining camps and ranches to experience the good results which that change in their daily life should produce.

There are charming resorts in Montana, but none of them will combine the attractions which Great Falls will offer to summer tourists next year, when the railroads will render this the true gate of the mountains, and travelers will find here not only a busy mart and extensive factories, but a place in which music, art and sport will be cultivated liberally.

JAY GOULD was asked recently by a reporter "What policy would produce the best results for the country at large?" "To let it alone," was Mr. Gould's response. "The country is able to work out its own prosperity. The Americans are a great people, and all they want is to be let alone. They don't want interference from the president or congress; the state legislatures or governors. It would be better if the legislatures met only once in five years. The people are able to take care of themselves. We have no great great standing armies and our best men can prosecute industries that make the country rich and the people contented. Our people will always be prosperous as long as they can attend to their own affairs." The five years interval which Mr. Gould proposes for legislatures would be rather long. In Minnesota, where biennial sessions are the rule, there is a strong sentiment in favor of annual ones. The arch speculator showed more wisdom when being asked: "What is the condition of the country from a business point of view?" he said: "Good. I know that it is particularly true of the west. The earnings of our roads out there are big."

THE PUBLIC LETTER sent to General Brooke, to-day, expresses truly the sense of gratitude which is entertained here for that gallant officer. Our people who had their hearts set on a grand celebration were greatly pleased when General Brooke readily promised that the band would come here. He added to this courtesy by permitting the band to leave the Fort on Sunday and remain here until this morning. During their stay the bandmen did credit to themselves and the army by their masterly skill as musicians and their excellent deportment. We trust that the friendly relations between this city and General Brooke may long continue, and that our people may some day be able to testify in person, the high regard in which they hold the commander, his officers and men.

IT APPEARS from the decision of Judge Brewer that Mrs. Choteau is debarred by the statute of limitations from acquiring land at West Kansas City, which her husband owned fifty years ago. As the property is worth \$10,000,000 the case will probably be brought to the United States supreme court. In most states the law holds the rights of heirs in great respect, and in the case of minors it acknowledges no limitations.

HELENA has had a feast of oratory in the speeches of Judge Wade, Col. Sanders and others at the dedication of the court house. Chief Justice McConnell also made an able address, which was followed by a forcible charge to the jury, in which he expounded their duties and some new laws. All this oratory will perhaps make amends to Helena for the lack of a public celebration on the Fourth.

YAN PHAN LEE has risen above the horizon. He has married a New Haven girl and engaged in newspaper work. He may next be nominated on some state or city ticket to secure the Chinese vote.

IT WAS Mrs. Hamilton Fish who died recently, and not her husband as the telegram stated.

MINING PROGRESS.

The mining interests of Jefferson county are looking up. The *Scout*, published in Boulder, says: "We are clearly of the opinion that there is not a single county in any state or territory lying within the domains of the Rocky mountains that can boast of a brighter prospect for great wealth than this county. Now that the railroads have almost reached us and are already sending forward both men and machinery, and many of our mines are being opened up and are, almost without exception, making a splendid showing, our most ardent hopes are to be realized and our position has become a most enviable one. New discoveries are being constantly made, and wherever development is being made in former locations, extensive bodies of rich ore are being brought into view, amply rewarding the old prospector for his many years of hardship and toil.

The little camp of Basin is reported to be doing well. George Smith reports that his prospect, the Cataract, situated about one mile from Basin, is doing well. The ore is silver, and is being assayed in Butte and Bozeman. There are about 17 men at work on this property and the owner is satisfied with the outlook. Eastern parties are said to be examining several prospects in this district with a view to purchasing.

A Helena paper is whooping up an ore reduction enterprise to be established in St. Paul. Exactly why Montana mine owners should be advised to send their product to Minnesota for treatment has not yet transpired. The scheme is about as practicable and reasonable as would be a suggestion in a Minneapolis paper to send Minnesota wheat to Helena for the manufacture of flour.—*Butte Inter-Mountain*.

The purchase is announced for \$50,000 of the Magnet group of mines, near the head of Grasshopper creek in Beaverhead county, Marcus Daly, George W. Irvin, F. E. Sargent and A. Wartenweller being the purchasers. It is a rich property, and is said to have enough ore in sight to repay the purchase money.

The Resurrection Mining Company of Mountain City recently shipped 20,000 pounds of ore to Salt Lake for reduction, and received \$35 per ton in return. Another shipment will be made in July, after which the company propose to erect hoisting works and deepen their shaft.

The Poorman, in the Cour d'Alenes, purchased some time ago by Messrs. B. C. Kingsbury, Patrick Clark and other Butte men, is rapidly developing into a great property, and with the probable exception of the Sullivan and Bunker Hill, is the richest silver-lead mine in Idaho.

Among the Butte copper mines a great deal of work is going on. The Chambers syndicate mines are being prospected with quiet energy, and some of them will soon be ready to begin the shipment of ore to Anaconda, where their entire product will be treated.

Bob Gibbons, superintendent and stockholder in the Kit Carson in which ex-Gov. Hauser is interested, is enthusiastic, over a discovery which he says he has made in the Belt range. He claims that battery assays of the ore run into the hundreds.

Mr. Walker, president of the Alice company, was recently in Butte. The company probably intends to open new ground, and sink the main shaft to a greater depth. Prof. Blake was with Mr. Walker.

In Butte the Bluebird is producing considerable ore on the 400 foot level, but it is somewhat base. At the other big silver mines no new developments are to be recorded.

The Neilhart miners are pleased at the announcement that great reduction works will be begun here as soon as the Manitoba railroad is completed to this city.

Butte's great copper mines—the Parrot, Clark's Colusa and Gagnon are in a splendid state of development, and are producing as heavily as usual.

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