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## THE HELENA RACES.

Blevins Asserts that She is the Best Colt in Montana—Three Thousand and People Present.

HELENA, August 25.—[Special to the Tribune].—Dan Blevins' two-year-old colt Nevada won the pioneer stakes yesterday. Dan has been training this colt during the season and two or three days ago purchased her from C. Bielenburg of Deer Lodge. Blevins says Nevada is the best bred colt in Montana and he would not take \$5,000 for her. Blevins and McLaughlin will make a big circuit this season and will probably go east with their magnificent stable. They simply cleaned up everything here.

### AN IMMENSE ATTENDANCE.

The attendance at the third day of the fair and races was greater than on either of the two preceding days. The grandstand was packed as was also the space in front of it and the pool rooms. There were, at the least calculation, 3,000 people present. It was a good betting day. Some big winnings were made on comparatively small investments, while some of the heavy betters got left for large amounts. This was notably the case in the Pioneer stakes race, where the betting was active and heavy at big odds. The two-year-old trotting race for the Helena stakes, two in three, was called promptly at 1 o'clock. There were three colts and one filly in the race—C. P. Jeffries' Iton, W. K. McComas' Minute-man, Robert Vaughn's Viola Belle and Breck Fischer's P. R. C. Iton at first sold in the auction pools as favorite over the field by two to one, but the odds were cut down to two to one before the first heat. In the mutuals Iton was selling about even against the field.

### FIRST HEAT.

Iton went to the front from the start and did some handsome footing in the lower turn, the others being off their feet a half dozen lengths back. On the back stretch Iton lost her feet and the others shortened the lead, Viola Belle being second at the half by three or four lengths, P. R. C. third and Minute-man fourth. The balance of the heat was decided of particular interest except that Iton again went up in the home stretch, losing a good deal of ground by it and permitting the others to pass the distance flag, which had menaced them. Time, 3:01.

### SECOND HEAT.

It was so obvious that Iton was too speedy for the competitors that there were no buyers against him. As in the first heat Iton took the lead at the start and held it throughout by a wide gap. He came in without having made a break in 2:58, distancing the other three. This gave him the race. The value of the stake was about \$800.

### THE PIONEER STAKES.

The Pioneer stakes race was next on the programme and was marked by very heavy betting. There were five starters: Dan Blevins' Nevada, H. R. Baker's Red Buck, W. H. Babbs' Hilda, Stephenson's Susie S and Oregon from the Oregon stables. George Booker knocked off sales as fast as he could talk, and they ran all the way from \$300 to \$500. About \$12,000 went into the two pool-boxes, which is half as much as the total for Tuesday, which was a heavy betting day. Hilda was the favorite about \$220 in a pool of \$500, Nevada next at about \$125, Oregon at about \$75 and the others in the thirties. The start was made at the quarter post, the race being a three-quarter-mile dash. Fully half an hour was consumed in jockeying the horses and they were finally sent off with Oregon slightly in the lead, Red Buck next, Hilda in the middle, Susie S fourth and Nevada last. Red Buck took the lead, Hilda passed Oregon and took second place, while Nevada came ahead of Susie S. At the end of the back stretch Hilda was on even terms with Red Buck, and they ran side by side around the upper turn, with the others close on their heels in the order named. When they struck the home stretch whips began to play, and half way down Nevada came in the lead, but Oregon made a fine push for the front, passing Red Buck and collaring Hilda, who was at this point within 100 feet of the wire, Nevada in the lead by a neck. The outcome was in this order except that Nevada increased her lead to half a length, Oregon took second place by a neck, Hilda third, Red Buck fourth and Susie S last, all well in.

On the second day the half-mile heats, two in three, brought out Ida Glenn, Lila Ferguson and Bogus. Ida Glenn won the first and third heats, and Lila Ferguson the second. Time—1:12, 49 1/2, 49 1/2. For the Montana Derby the starters were W. H. Babbs' Diavolo and Duffy Winters, Mark Twain from the Oregon stables and J. H. Hamilton's Rosa Lewis. Diavolo's well-known running proclivities made it necessary to bar him in the pools, as no one would buy against him. Duffy Winters then sold favorite two to one over Lewis, and she two to one over Twain. Diavolo won the race in 2:40 1/2, with Rosa Lewis second.

The backer of Glenn in the half-mile heats race is understood to have won about \$4,000. He is a Butte man. Ida D is but four years old, and Sam Scott expects she will make a record low in the teens before she quits. The Derby runners, mile and a half, came within 6 1/2 seconds of the record, which is not bad for three-year-olds. Cottonwood Chief, who did not rank well at first in the pools for the trot, surprised everybody by his performance. He is a good one. The happiest twenty-three men at the track yesterday were those who each bought a \$5 mutual on Cottonwood Chief on the third heat of the trot. Each ticket drew \$65.20.

HELENA, August 26.—[Special to the Tribune].—The attendance at the races yesterday was large. The first race, a quarter-mile dash, was won by Pappoose

against Mary Filly, Lila Ferguson and Sorrel Charley. Time, 2:32 1/2. The three-quarter mile dash was won by Avondall against Ida Glenn, Keepsake, Vice Regent and Carriboo Chief. Time, 1:18.

In the mile and a quarter dash Daniel B met with an accident. He was making a fine pull for the front when he slipped and fell to his knees, throwing his rider Lambert. Daniel at once recovered and ran on riderless to the finish. The rider was not much injured. It was in the independent this morning that Daniel B died last night from the effects of his injury, but such is not the case. I learn that the horse is all right. There were \$30,000 in the pools yesterday. Blevins' Nevada and Hilda of the Oregon stables will run a special race this afternoon for \$1,000 a side. It is Oregon against Montana and will be for blood.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Edgar L. Wakeman has secured a divorce.

An alleged case of Asiatic cholera has been found in New York.

The Blood and Gros Ventres Indians have made a treaty of peace.

Patrick Egan believes the proclaiming of the National League will ruin the Tory party.

Lyman Trumbull, now of the Chicago bar, is always as smooth shaven as a priest.

Congressman Mills of Texas expects to become chairman of the ways and means committee.

William A. Bradley of Milwaukee is worth \$6,000,000. He has just founded the town of Tomahawk.

P. A. Hoyt, cashier of a Putnam county, New York, savings bank, is a defaulter in the amount of \$25,000.

Levi Case, a brakeman, has confessed to the Panhandle freight burglaries and implicated a number of others.

At Enfield, Illinois, during a soldiers' reunion, two cannon exploded, killing two men and wounding five others.

The American transcontinental lines will appeal to the interstate commission for relief from Canadian Pacific competition.

Emperor William lately faced the camera of a fair American, and she took his picture before he could say Jack Robinson in German.

Jones and Shepard of Seary, West Virginia, fought about a girl. Jones whipped Shepard and the latter then killed him with a club.

Theodore Tilton is living in Paris, playing chess, growing fat and doing a little literary work. He does not contemplate returning to America.

Testimony in the Washington county, Texas, election cases shows that the ballot-boxes were destroyed and Republicans prevented from voting by violence.

Bishop Chatard of Indianapolis at a complimentary dinner at his residence received a plate of gold coin, amounting to \$1,700, from the clergy of Vincennes diocese.

Alexander Robinson of Youngstown, Ohio, colored, charged with raping Essie Hoover, a 10-year-old girl, died from fright induced by threats of lynching. He was thought by many to be innocent of the crime.

Serious trouble is feared at Morgantown, West Virginia, from the 600 railroad laborers who, through the failure of the contractors Tenant & Johnson, were defrauded out of a month's pay. They threaten to burn the town.

### The Manitoba Expected.

The Cœur d'Alene country is one of the richest sections in mineral wealth on the continent. Mines are being rapidly capitalized and big reduction works established, and it is being developed for all it is worth. Three railroads at least are expected to be built into the district this year—a branch from the Northern, another from the Oregon Railroad & Navigation (recently leased by the Union Pacific) and the Manitoba, which is building from both ends simultaneously and is accomplishing the biggest feats in the way of rapid railroad construction that this continent has ever seen. The best experts in the country pronounce the district immensely rich and simply mountains of ore. It will be remembered that this district was first discovered three years ago, and that there was a tremendous rush from all parts of the union. Those who did not leave at once disheartened remained until spring, and the reports of fraud spread by those who went out gave the district a black eye. The past year, however, experts have examined the district and report it remarkably rich, and millions are being invested there. Sam Reid of Portland paid \$1,500,000 for a property there recently, and it is said by Prof. Fowler that more than a million dollars' worth of ore is in sight now in this mine.

### New Telephone Company.

HELENA, August 25.—[Special to the Tribune].—There was filed yesterday in Secretary Webb's office articles of incorporation for the Sun River, Choteau & Northern Telephone Company, whose object is to build a telephone line between Choteau and Sun River. The trustees are: John L. Ellis of Sun River, Louis J. Wild, Walter S. Clark, Sol Cohn, Julius Hirschberg and Oliver G. Cooper of Choteau. The capital stock is fixed at \$50,000, divided into 1,000 shares at a par value of \$5 each.

### The Railroad Graders.

Messrs. Seims, Fogarty and Barclay of the Manitoba Montana extension were in town to-day. They promise that the steel track will be at Fort Belknap on Saturday. That place is 140 miles from Great Falls. The graders will soon be at work at this side of the river and will construct the grade to the sites of the two depots which will be in the Park.

## MURDEROUS CATTLEMEN.

Conflicting Stock Interests Cause Foul Murder in Malheur County, Oregon.

SALT LAKE CITY, August 25.—Bitter feuds have existed for some time in western Oregon between the cattle and horse men and sheep owners, and it has been the cause of much bloodshed. A murder committed last September has just come to light. In that month Samuel Rich, a shepherd for Alkman & Junor, while herding 3,000 head in Malheur county, Oregon, mysteriously disappeared. Three hundred and fifty sheep were lost and the owners thought Rich had fled with them. About a week ago a man named Haines, formerly a cowboy employed by John Strode, while riding into Caldwell, Idaho, dropped a word or two concerning Rich's disappearance, and a detective managed to learn from him the whole story. Haines told how he saw Strode and a man named Sherman, while in ambush, shoot Rich dead in cold blood, and how they turned around, believing they were observed. Haines stood in mortal dread of Strode, and on several occasions Strode spoke to him in a defiant and threatening manner about the lost shepherd, a plan he adopted to learn if Haines knew anything about it and also to intimidate him. Haines never got away from the ranch until last week. The officers went to the spot where the murder occurred, and found the hip bone, one leg, the upper arm bones, the spinal column with the ribs torn off, and one foot, both shoes, a coat with a bullet hole through the left breast and other evidences of the crime. The coyotes had devoured the flesh and a portion of the bones. Strode and Sherman had been to Boise City, Idaho, to purchase supplies and were arrested Monday en route to their ranches in Oregon. The fact that Strode is one of the wealthiest stockmen in that part of the country promises to make an interesting haul.

### Surgeon Crawford Convicted.

WASHINGTON, August 20.—This afternoon Assistant District Attorney Lyncscomb concluded his argument in the police court in the case of Surgeon Crawford, United States navy, accused under the Utah law of fornication with Eva White. He maintained with the legal authorities the proposition that it is not necessary to prove the time in an offense of this character and ridiculed at length Crawford's statement on the stand, that in all the tenderness of his relations with Eva White he had never kissed her. Judge Harper in disposing of the case said he would hold the accused guilty on both informations, charging fornication on the 2d and 5th of July. The sentence would be six months in the jail in each case. There was applause in the court-room when the sentence was announced, and the court officials promptly checked it. When the verdict was announced Mr. Moore asked earnestly, "Guilty on two informations?" "On both informations," responded the court. "The offense being committed in the District of Columbia?" The judge hesitated and then answered with an air of some annoyance, "Yes, the offense being committed in the District." Mr. Lyncscomb at once moved for sentence and the court announced six months in jail on each information. An appeal was noted and the bond being fixed at \$1,000, J. B. Bryan went surety for the amount.

### President Cleveland Replies.

WASHINGTON, August 25.—The president's attention was called yesterday to a statement, which lately appeared in the New York World, to the effect that he was not properly supporting the commissioners appointed to examine the affairs of the Pacific railroads, and giving as proof of the charge what was alleged to be the contents of the president's answer to Chairman Pattison's dispatch proposing to employ assistant counsel to aid in the proceedings against the roads. The president said: "I have no time to read or reply to the misrepresentations of opposition newspapers, and I am not at all afraid they will succeed in destroying the confidence the people have in the policy and course of the administration in the matters in question; but if there is a man, woman or child who would feel easier after reading the dispatch which I did send to ex-Governor Pattison they can have it." The dispatch referred to by the president is addressed to Hon. J. D. Pattison, chairman of the United States Pacific Railway Commission, San Francisco. It reads as follows: "Upon your statement that, in your judgment, counsel should be employed, I authorize and approve such employment."

### Sugar in Demand.

PHILADELPHIA, August 23.—The sugar refineries are working day and night at their greatest capacity. Superintendent Langenheim of the Knight company said that more sugar will be used this year than ever before. The business will continue, it is expected, in the same way up to the fall of 1888. The demand at this time of the year is caused by the canning season. The use of sugar is increasing greatly. The price is very low now and there is no outlook that it will be advanced. The Brazil and Louisiana crops are yet to come. The increase in consumption of sugar in 1886 over 1885 was 113,000 tons. So far this year the increase over last year is 76,000 tons, and if the increased consumption continues it will exceed even last year's increase.

### Biographical.

The Helena Independent says: The plan of giving each year some biographical sketches of the active and honorary members of this association seemed to meet with favor and it is continued this year. The active member selected this year for personal mention is the very efficient and popular secretary of the association.

### Jerry Collins.

who while he may not have had a varied career, has done so well in the position in

which he has been placed that he has many friends and strong ones. He was born in Cork, Ireland, in December, 1850, and consequently is now in the prime of life. He was brought from the "old darts" by his parents when a year old and the family located in Wabash county, Indiana, where Jerry grew up to manhood. His first schooling was in the public schools of the county and he made such progress that when seventeen years old he was himself a teacher, using the winter months in thus accumulating money enough to pay his expenses while attending Howard College Kokomo the rest of the year. In 1872 he entered the sophomore class of the Indiana State University at Bloomington, graduated in 1875 with class honors. In the university he gained his first journalistic experience, being on the staff of *The Student*, the college paper. The experience in newspaper work had a large influence in shaping his life, he acquiring thereby a taste for editorial work, which led to his acceptance, upon his return from college in 1875, of a position on the *Wabash Courier*. The following year he bought a half interest in the paper, his partner being the famous Hoosier editor Lee Linn. In 1879 he purchased an interest in the Logansport daily and weekly *Phoenix*, and was its editor and manager, selling it in 1881, and coming to Montana immediately on arriving at Fort Benton he bought a controlling interest in the *River Press*, which under his management has grown from a weakling to a prosperous newspaper and a valuable plant. On the first of last month he bought a controlling interest in the Great Falls TRIBUNE, and will soon take personal charge of it. Mr. Collins was married in 1879, at Logansport, Indiana, to Miss Letta E. Fitzgerald, and now has two daughters and a son, the latter a very youthful boy as yet. Mr. Collins was one of the active organizers of the Montana Press Association, and was elected secretary, an office which he has so well filled that he has been repeatedly re-elected. To his energy, industry and ability is due much of the success of the organization, and the fraternity throughout Montana, hope he may long be as he is now—one of the shining lights of the profession."

### MAJOR PETER RONAN.

The *Independent* also gives an interesting sketch of Major Peter Ronan, of whom no honorary member "is better known or better liked." It says that "at the Indian bureau Major Ronan is credited with being one of the best agents in the service, and his personal popularity among his acquaintances is as great as his official popularity in the bureau."

## FOREIGN FLASHES.

Emperor William is seriously ill.

The cholera in northern India is abating.

Rev. Dr. Parker has left London on his way to America.

The House of Lords adopted the Irish Land bill as received from the House of Commons.

The *Moscow Gazette* absolutely denies that its late editor, M. Katkoff, was a hater of Germany and a lover of France.

The English government has allowed Shirley Baker to remain as premier of the Tonga Isles, but his future will be closely watched.

Intelligence from Zanzibar is to the effect that no confidence can be placed in the story that Stanley has been massacred.

The O'Grady tenants at Herberstown refuse to accept a reduction of 20 per cent unless the costs be remitted. They will probably be evicted.

Talmeir Shah and two officers at Herat have been executed by the Ameer of Afghanistan in consequence of having conducted secret negotiations with Ayoub Khan.

Gen. Vannosky, minister of war, after making a tour of inspection, has reported to the Czar that the troops and fortifications in the Caucasus and trans-Caspian territories are in excellent condition.

A riot occurred at Kenmare, county Kerry, the mob attacked and stoned the barracks where the police were quartered. The police charged with drawn swords upon the rioters.

### Crowned with Success.

HELENA, August 25.—[Special to the Tribune].—The Press Association closed its session last evening. The attendance throughout was large and the meeting a very interesting one. The banquet last night was attended by over one hundred people. Speeches were made by Delegate Toole, Major Magnus, Delegate Voorhees of Washington territory, ex-Governor Carpenter, ex-Marshal Botkin and others. The new members of the association are: Philip Schmitz, *Montana Free Press*; Leslie Sulgrove, *Live Stock Journal*; James B. Walker, *Helena Herald*; Wm. M. Dolliver, *Helena Herald*; W. M. O'Dwyer, *Great Falls Tribune*; W. R. Harber, *River Press*; George Alderson, *Avant Courier*; J. D. Whelpley, *Billings Gazette*; C. B. Camp, *Billings Gazette*.

### A New Missoula Town.

HELENA, August 25.—[Special to the Tribune].—In Secretary Webb's office yesterday there was filed articles of incorporation for the Victor Townsite Company, the object being the buying and selling of town lots and buildings, putting in water-works, etc. The principal office is at Missoula, though the proposed town of Victor is forty miles up the Bitter Root valley. There are five directors: A. B. Hammond and Thomas Marshall of Missoula, A. S. Blake of Victor, E. L. Bonner of Deer Lodge and M. J. Connell of Butte. The capital stock is placed at \$100,000, divided into 2,000 shares of \$50.

### Dr. Burelligh Elected.

HELENA, August 25.—Dr. Burelligh has been elected councilman from Custer county, vice Thompson resigned.

## THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Remarkable Rivalry in the National Base Ball League—The Smith-Kilrain Fight.

MINNEAPOLIS, August 22.—The greatest base ball playing in the history of the game is being witnessed by the spectators who attend the National League contests. The struggle for the pennant this year is a phenomenal one. After four months of play there are still five out of the eight clubs well in the race. Detroit, the league leader, is only four games ahead of Philadelphia, the fifth club in the number of games won. This same Philadelphia club is doing remarkable work. The result of Tuesday's games left it tied with New York for third place, but Saturday's games sent the "Phillies" back to fifth. Chicago seems unable to pass Detroit, though tied for the first place early in the week. Both the leaders lost Saturday, and they are still two games apart. The tabulated record to the 19th instant is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
Detroit	52	23
Chicago	50	25
New York	49	26
Boston	47	28
Philadelphia	46	30
Pittsburgh	36	48
Washington	32	52
Indianapolis	26	59

### THE NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE.

In the Northwestern League the only first-class game last week was that played by Minneapolis on the home ground with St. Paul on Saturday. Viaw, the St. Paul pitcher with the name that nobody can pronounce, won the game for the visitors. Milwaukee has been losing steadily of late and Des Moines has been doing indifferently. The race for the pennant is getting, in a way, interesting. This is the record:

	Won.	Lost.
Milwaukee	52	29
Des Moines	48	31
St. Paul	48	34
Duluth	46	36
Minneapolis	40	42
Duluth	35	49
La Crosse	32	52
East Claire	22	54

### EDITOR FOX'S OPINION.

R. K. Fox writes from Spain regarding the Smith-Kilrain fight: "Smith is not by any means the gladiator I expected to find. He is very muscular and probably very courageous, but Kilrain should conquer him, judging by appearance and the performances of both men in the orthodox 24-foot ring. I have so much confidence in Kilrain's chances of winning that I would be willing to increase the stakes from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a side, but Smith's backers are not willing to increase the stakes. Inform Kilrain that I am certain that he can conquer Smith, and also tell him that I promised I would give him \$1,000 to bet Smith in the ring on the morning of the battle. In all the sporting drums at Shoreditch, Snow Hill, High Holborn, Whitechapel, Mile End Road, Long Acre, and the Minorities, the mill is the topic of conversation, and bets of \$50 and even £100 are being staked on the result. The old veteran ring-goers, who have witnessed many a great battle in the past, tip Smith as the winner."

### A Train Wrecked.

DENVER, Colorado, August 26.—An accident to the eastbound Union Pacific express at Sandy creek bridge, ten miles east of here, at 12 o'clock Thursday night, resulted in the death of Engineer Masterson and the serious wounding of two or three train men. The Union Pacific and Burlington bridges cross Sandy creek almost parallel and within a few feet of each other. When the engineer of the Union Pacific, which leaves here about thirty minutes ahead of the Burlington, was within a few feet of the bridge, he was horrified to see that a flood in the early part of the evening had washed away the middle section. The fireman jumped into the stream and was taken out half an hour later in an unconscious condition. It is thought that he will die. Engineer Masterson grabbed the lever and reversed the engine just as it plunged into the water with the baggage car on top. His body was buried in the sand and has not yet been recovered.

The engine was completely submerged in the sand. An old lady living near hearing the cries of the people, rushed out with a lantern and stopped the approaching eastbound train on the Burlington when within a few feet of the bridge, probably saving many lives, as the bridge on this road was in a dangerous condition.

### The Pioneers.

HELENA, August 26.—[Special to the Tribune].—The Pioneer Association's principal business to-day was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Frank H. Moody of Missoula; vice-presidents—Beaverhead, Joseph A. Brown; Choteau, T. P. Collins; Custer, John A. Guy; Deer Lodge, Con Kohrs; Fergus, Granville Stuart; Dawson, J. X. Beidler; Gallatin, G. Krattzer; Jefferson, John A. Culver; Lewis and Clarke, W. A. English; Madison, Alex Wetzel; Meagher, Henry Walley; Missoula, A. S. Blake; Silver Bow, W. Y. Pemberton. James W. Sanders was elected recording secretary; Cornelius Hedges, corresponding secretary; S. T. Hauser, treasurer. Twenty new members were admitted.

### Novel Readers Advised.

The young people who read the greatest quantity of novels know the least, are the dullest in aspect, and the most rapid in conversation. The flavor of individuality has been burned out of them. Always imagining themselves in an artificial relation to life, always content to look through their authors' glasses, they become as commonplace as pawns upon a chess-board. "Sir, we had a good talk" was Sam Johnson's highest praise of those he met. But any talk save the dreariest commonplace and most tiresome reiteration is impossible with the regulation

reader of novels or player of games. And this is my judgement, because God, by laws of mind, must punish those who kill time instead of cultivating it. For time is the stuff that life is made of, the crucible of character, the arena of achievement, and woe to those who fritter it away. They cannot help paying great nature's penalty, and "mediocre," "failure," or "imbecile" will surely be stamped upon their foreheads.—Frances Willard.

### A Fortunate Find.

Referring to mines which make little or no surface showing the Salt Lake City Tribune says: "Of such discoveries we know of none more marvelous than that of the Ontario mine near Park City. Men might have passed up and down Ontario gulch till the sound of the last trumpet and never have detected the ore channel, now known to be three miles long, which has in twelve years given up twenty millions, and which is sure to give up a hundred millions before it is exhausted, possibly twice that. The vein crops out nowhere. It has been impossible to trace it save following it westward on some of the underground levels. How was it discovered? In some bushes on the rising slope from the gulch a man some fifteen years ago chanced upon a single lump of ore, the size of one's fist, embedded in the soil like any pebble, but with its upper surface exposed. Picking it out of its nest it was seen to be ore, and a stroke of the pick brought to light another small piece of ore. From this circumstance investigation proceeded. A narrow trench of ore was found to exist, and an experienced miner, hearing of the find, visited and bought it for the sum of \$30,000. It required some nerve to chance even that, and a good deal of nerve and money afterward to make a great paying mine of it."

### It is Worry that Kills.

I once heard Henry Ward Beecher say that he had the greatest difficulty at the beginning of his career to acquire the habit of working easily, and he might have been in his grave a quarter of a century ago had he not overcome his tendency to worry—the natural concomitant of a highly nervous organization. "I am convinced," said he, "that no youth can expect to achieve great success unless he learns that lesson. It is worry, not work, that kills men. When I was a young man I worried over the mistakes I made so much that I saw it was injuring my health and I resolved to stop my blunders. I conquered the weakness, and since that struggle I have attempted to do my best, whatever the emergency in which I was placed, and then dismiss the matter from my mind, whether the result was satisfactory or otherwise. The only good of studying the past is to avoid the repetition of blunders." Mr. Beecher probably felt that a wise man may make a mistake, but only a fool makes the same mistake twice.—Chicago Journal.

### Desires a New County.

Mr. George A. Wells of Cora says that at present he buys goods at Fort Benton, but when the railroad is open for traffic it will be more convenient for him to come here.

Regarding county division, Mr. Wells speaks very emphatically. He says: "It would be of great service to that part of Meagher county in which I live to be annexed to the new county of Cascade. I live only 28 miles from Great Falls, but if I am summoned for jury duty I have to make a journey of about 165 miles to White Sulphur Springs. If I had to go there at shearing time, I might as well haul over my sheep to some one and go out of business."

Mr. Wells favors a good compact county, such as Cascade, which could be governed effectively and would enable people to carry on public business without unnecessary expense.

### A Famous Hail-Storm.

Prof. Morton, who has just returned from the Belt mountains, gives an account of a most terrific hail-storm in that region. He states that the hail fell in such large masses that the roofs of the cabins in that section were all smashed in, and one man who started for town with a load of potatoes narrowly escaped with his life and the potatoes were knocked into starch. This seems a tough story, but as the professor's statements are always reliable, we must accept the foregoing as an absolute fact.

### Correct Principle.

A Mormon who had three wives was interviewed by the *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* the other day and was asked how he managed to keep peace in the family. He said: "The secret of success in polygamy is this: Don't let your wives get away with you." The old Mormon enunciated an important principle here that has sometimes been found to work well when there was only one wife in the family. His larger experience should add to the value of his testimony.

### A Soldiers' Reunion.

WHEELING, West Virginia, August 26.—A grand parade of the various trades was the principal feature of the reunion of the army of West Virginia to-day. Twenty thousand people listened to the annual address delivered by Hon. W. A. Campbell. Gen. George Crook was elected president of the society. A long list of vice-presidents was elected, including Gens. Rosecrans and R. B. Hayes.

### Assembling.

HELENA, August 26.—The members of the legislature are beginning to arrive. Councilman Collins and family will reach this city to-morrow.