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## CASCADE COUNTY,

ORGANIZED UNDER FAVORABLE AUSPICES.

The Officers Take the Required Oaths and Enter upon the Discharge of Their Duties—Sketches of the Incumbents.

"Section XIII. This act shall take effect from and after the third Monday of December, 1887."

This important part of "the act to create Cascade county, to define its boundaries and provide for its organization" was the cause of much animation in town yesterday and today. Commissioner Harris and assessor Gorham were on hand Saturday evening, and Monday morning treasurer Dickerman returned from a visit to Saint Paul. All of the officials of the new county (except Mr. Wall), were accordingly in town.

At midnight when the clock tolled twelve the bonds were severed between Cascade and the sister counties which have hitherto controlled her soil. Many inquiries were made Monday of the new officers relative to the organization of the new county. They all report that the injunction bugbear which had been set afloat some time ago by enemies of the new county, had vanished, and they were all free to enter on their respective duties as soon as the morning dawned.

Monday morning there was an informal meeting at the office of judge Rolfe at which all the officers in town were present. A cheerful spirit pervaded the gathering and steps were taken to put in good shape the customary bonds.

### REGULAR PROCEEDINGS.

The board of commissioners consisting of Messrs. Wegner and Harris, Mr. Wall being absent, together with county clerk Matkin and his deputy, met at the office of the latter and commenced their first session at 11 o'clock, A. M. On motion of Mr. Wegner, J. A. Harris was elected chairman pro tem. The bonds of the several officers who had qualified were examined by the board, approved and ordered filed for record. On motion the board then adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

In the afternoon the county offices were crowded with people offering their congratulations. A bountiful lunch was provided and good health was drunk in flowing beakers to the new county.

### CHARLES WEGNER,

one of the county commissioners, is so well known to the readers of the Tribune that an extended sketch of his career would be superfluous. Mr. Wegner was born in Germany, and came to the United States at the tender age of five years. Early in the seventies he came to Montana, and during nearly the whole of this time he has been engaged in the lumber business. Mr. Wegner is now the general manager of the Holter Lumber Company, one of the most important enterprises of Great Falls, and is one who has the fullest possible faith in the future greatness of this city. For more than a year past he has been a member of the board of commissioners of Choteau county, where he gave the best of satisfaction, performing his duties conscientiously, and without fear or favor. This experience will be of good service to him in assisting in the management of the affairs of the new county.

### J. A. HARRIS,

the county commissioner, comes from New Hampshire, the birthplace of Daniel Webster, Horace Greeley and other great men. He moved west with the general tide of immigration, settling first in Wisconsin, where he resided four years. He next removed to Iowa, where he remained 19 years. He was probate judge for three years and at times filled as deputy nearly all the principal county offices. In 1873 he came to Montana, so that he is entitled to rank as an old timer. He engaged in farming and holds a good deal of property in the Chestnut valley. He has been a justice of the peace and is well qualified by experience and ability to manage the affairs of the young county of Cascade.

### J. W. MATKIN,

the new clerk and recorder, is one of the pioneers of Montana and has a wide acquaintance throughout the territory. Back in the sixties and early seventies he was connected with the celebrated Diamond R transportation company and conducted many a freight train along the general route of the Manitoba and Montana Central long before railroads were even thought of in this country. This was a position attended both with hardship and danger, but Mr. Matkin feared neither. He carries today a bullet received from an Indian in those days and the wound has been ever since a source of pain and ill health to him. He has been a resident of Great Falls from the day the first tent was spread here. He assisted in the first survey of the town and from that time to this has had unwavering faith and unlimited confidence in its greatness. He is at present deputy postmaster of Great Falls and besides carries on a successful cigar and tobacco business. He is fully competent to discharge the duties of the office he has been selected to fill, and will make an excellent office for the new county.

### H. P. ROLFE,

probate judge, is another of the chosen few who came to Great Falls, before such a place was known, and took a prominent part in giving the new town a start. He surveyed the townsite, as well as most of the land in this vicinity. Although a

resident of Benton at that time, and the owner of considerable property there, Mr. Rolfe saw from the start that Great Falls was the coming city of northern Montana, and therefore made it a point to "catch onto" some desirable town lots and outside acres. His early investments at this place have made him a rich man. By education and training Mr. Rolfe is especially fitted for this position. He is a native of Vermont, and a graduate of Dartmouth college. On his way westward he stopped long enough in the Buckeye state to become imbued with the "Ohio idea"—and behold, he is now a full-fledged officeholder. It is but just to Mr. Rolfe, however, to say that in this case the office sought the man, and not the man the office. Mr. Rolfe has been a resident of Montana about ten years. He commenced his career as principal of the Helena schools and afterwards located at Fort Benton, where he successfully practiced law, giving special attention to land business. He also devoted a share of his time to surveying and engineering. Later he located at Great Falls, and is now one of our solid citizens. In the contest for Cascade county it is generally admitted that Mr. Rolfe did splendid work, and the recognition he received was well earned, as well as deserved. The probate judge married a daughter of governor Edgerly, the first executive of Montana, a most accomplished and estimable lady, and as the first directory of Great Falls will clearly evidence, he is doing his share to augment the population of the Cataract city.

### ARTHUR E. DICKERMAN,

the treasurer, was born in Decorah, Iowa. He entered the University of Minnesota, and after successful studies in that well-known institution of learning, he was graduated in 1882. He decided to pursue a mercantile career, and accepted a position in Power's Dry Goods Company, one of the leading wholesale houses in St. Paul. Here he made such progress as to attain the responsible post of credit clerk, which he resigned in 1885 to come to this young city, of whose prospects he had heard the most favorable reports. Mr. Dickerman encountered bravely the discomfiting incident to the early days of Great Falls, and was a popular favorite in the small group of early settlers. Last year, when the National bank was organized, Mr. Dickerman became assistant cashier, and has filled that position, which involved a wide range of duties, with ability and success. He is also a director of the bank.

Mr. Dickerman was named treasurer in the Cascade county bill, and the appointment met with general approval. He was recently elected treasurer of the Great Falls Water Power & Townsite Company. In politics Mr. Dickerman is a republican. He owns a ranch in this neighborhood. He is unmarried, but may not be able long to resist the wiles of Cupid. He has just returned from Saint Paul, where his father, who is one of the millionaires of that solid city, resides.

### C. P. DOWNING,

the sheriff of Cascade county, is not a novice in this business. For six or seven years he was under sheriff in Colorado, where he made the reputation of being a cool and careful officer, and fearless when the occasion required. Mr. Downing has resided in Montana eight or nine years, all the time in Choteau county, at Fort Benton and Great Falls. He is a contractor and builder, and many of the best structures at both Benton and Great Falls are monuments to his skill and ability as a builder. In the last campaign he was the republican candidate for assessor of Choteau county. Mr. Downing is a resident of Great Falls. The new sheriff has made excellent selections for under sheriff and jailer, so that the affairs of his office are certain to be well administered.

### RICHARD T. GORHAM,

The assessor, is entitled to the full rank of an "old timer." He came to Montana in 1864 from Missouri, where he had been assessor of Macon county. He has been at times since in Missouri, but now resides at the hamlet named after himself on the Missouri river. He has lived most of the time in Lewis and Clarke county, but he now enters heartily into the joyous spirit of the Cascadians. He is a democrat.

### GEORGE W. TAYLOR,

who holds the responsible position of county attorney, comes from Kentucky. His birth place is near Lexington, in the famed Bluegrass region, the land of fine women and fleet horses. He studied at the Central university, Kentucky, and was graduated with credit therefrom in 1883. He took a course of law with E. W. and J. K. Toole in Helena and removed here about two years ago, where he has since been engaged successfully in legal practice. Mr. Taylor delivered the Fourth of July oration this year and was also orator of the day at the railroad celebration. He is a sound democrat and has not yet entered the bonds of matrimony, but as he is about to build a house, people say that coming events cast their shadows before.

### JOHN W. STANTON,

the public administrator is a hoosier. He was born in Indiana. His parents died in his boyhood and he was thrown on his own resources. Having much ardor for learning he soon mastered the rudiments of education and by his own industry he earned enough money to pay his way while he studied at the business college in Indianapolis and the normal college in Sedalia. He mastered the art of stenography and became law reporter at Sedalia, Missouri. He studied law also in that state and was admitted to the bar. Mr. Stanton came to this territory about six years ago and has practiced law with ability and success. He is a bachelor and

a democrat of the "true blue hickory stripe, the kind used in the manufacture of ramrods." He is qualified to advise the widow and take tender care of any orphans of "sweet sixteen" who may be entrusted to him in virtue of his office.

### MISS BESSIE FORD,

the school superintendent, resides with her brother at Otter creek. She has held that position in Meagher county and is greatly pleased with her new official associates.

### DR. JOHN H. FAIRFIELD,

the coroner, was born in Maine, that state which has sent so many hardy men to people the west. He received a good general education and studied medicine at the university of Pennsylvania which conferred on him his diploma as doctor of medicine. He was resident physician of the Philadelphia hospital for a year, and subsequently resided in Minneapolis which owes so much to the energy of the Maine men who settled there. Dr. Fairfield is interested in sheep and is also a property owner in this city. He "fights mit Blaine" in politics and is happy, though not a married man. Socially the doctor is a general favorite and as a hunter he beats Kit Carson.

### DEPUTIES.

The deputies appointed by the several officers who will require such, will prove as satisfactory to the public as the new officials themselves. County clerk Matkin will have the excellent aid of Ernest G. Ringwald, who is not only an excellent and rapid penman, but has had much experience in the performance of just such duties. Besides this he is a young man of rare good judgment, is exceedingly popular, and has every qualification required to make a model deputy clerk. Sheriff Downing has been as happy in his selections as the clerk. He has appointed as his under sheriff Mr. Pat Sweeney, a well-known young man of this city who has had considerable experience as a peace officer, and who is certain to give the best of satisfaction in his new position. Sol Yates, our old and popular deputy sheriff, will be jailer, and will render other aid to the sheriff when occasion requires it. Sheriff Downing is to be congratulated upon the selections made by him.

### Judge Emerson's Adventure.

BUTTE, December 19.—Among the passengers coming up from Deer Lodge last night was Owen Emerson, probate judge of Deer Lodge county. He was standing on the platform of a car, but at the request of conductor West, he went in and sat down. Afterwards he went out again, and when the train was leaving Rock Cut, in the canyon this side of place, one of the train hands informed West that Emerson had fallen off the train. The train was stopped and backed down to the cut, where Emerson was found standing by the track. He greeted the conductor with, "well, West, I am glad to see you back. I was afraid you were going to leave me in this infernal canyon all night." In answer to eager inquiries, Mr. Emerson said, he was not hurt, and except for a small cut on his hand, no injury was noted. Upon arriving at Butte he set out to see his friends. Conductor West says the train was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour when Mr. Emerson fell off among the rocks, and he would have bet his life that they were going to find a dead man when he backed the train. He cannot understand how the judge got off so easily.

### Voorhees Condemns the President.

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana, December 19.—Senator Voorhees, in the course of an interview on Saturday, said he should not favor any reduction in the tax on spirits. He might, however, be willing to repeal the tax on tobacco, except cigars and cigarettes. Voorhees says he stands on the democratic platform of 1864, and thinks president Cleveland has departed from it. In reducing taxation Senator Voorhees would endeavor to guard the labor interests and protect them from competition with cheaply paid competitors. In alluding to free trade the senator said, "A great many people use the term without knowing or caring what it means. Free trade means no tariff tax, it means the abandonment of custom houses and a resort to the direct taxation of the states. Under such a system Indiana's proportion would be nine or ten millions a year. I don't think anybody wants to try the experiment in this or any other state."

### The Carterville Fight.

HELENA, December 19.—Charles D. Palmater, the man accused of killing Burton at Carterville a few days ago, was examined by probate judge Clements on Saturday evening. The evidence adduced shows the man not to be as black as he has been painted and on the contrary, showed considerable justification for the act committed. From the testimony of several witnesses who were present at the time, it appears to have been an ordinary saloon row, wherein each of the parties were at times aggressive. When Burton received his wound he was in the act of following Palmater out of the saloon and no positive evidence is given that Palmater struck the fatal blow, there being others concerned in the fight. In consequence of this judge Clements has bound him over to await the action of the grand jury. He will be allowed to give bail.

### Works Closed Down.

PITTSBURGH, December 19.—The converting, blooming, and rail departments of the Edgar Thompson steel works at Braddock, Pennsylvania, were closed down Saturday. It is understood that the rail mills' suspension is for an indefinite period.

## PREPARING ACTIVELY

REPUBLICANS CLUBS HOLDING A CONVENTION IN NEW YORK.

Protection For Home Industry the Rallying Cry—Organizing in a Way to Work for an End—Sound Arguments Against Personalism.

NEW YORK, December 16.—The first national republican club convention was called to order at 11 o'clock. About 1,500 delegates from all the states in the union being present. After reading the call, James Foster, president of the republican club of New York, welcomed the delegates. At 1:20 P. M., after a long contest involving a call of the roll, the convention chose Daniel J. Ryan of Ohio, temporary chairman, by a vote of 159 to 154 over Nathan Goff of West Virginia. Mr. Foster in the course of his remarks, outlined the purposes of the meeting as follows:

We propose to organize, to go out and beyond the individuals in order that we may work for some end and some principle higher and broader than a single man. Hence, we have by common consent, agreed to that just and only true rule that this convention shall not name, recommend or nominate any candidate for office. We propose an organization whereby teachings which uphold a tariff to protect the industries of the land may be readily and quickly disseminated in plain language to be understood by wage earners and wage payers. The tariff must be high enough to give employment to every citizen at home, to ensure a market for our goods, and a living to workmen better than the pauper labor of Europe has workmen. We propose an organization that shall discount and put to shame those personal attacks upon candidates where their private character and home life are basely assailed, and public scandal for political ends is unjustly created. We propose an organization that shall say to the saloon, "be ye removed from politics;" you who create paupers and insanity and criminals shall no longer wield the power of government. This, then, is the mission of the organization.

Judge Ryan on taking the chair said: CHAIRMAN RYAN'S ADDRESS. We are here today to reorganize the clubs of the country into a permanent organization. We are here to boom the republican party, and not any one in it. We are here on a most important business occasion, believing we must get down to business at once. I shall now await your pleasure. A number of secretaries were then chosen, and a vice president for each state elected. This was slow work, and at its conclusion the convention adjourned until today. It is estimated that 11,000 people are in attendance. They have come from all parts of the country.

### Proposes Rapid Transit.

ATLANTA, December 10.—J. H. Stigles, a New York capitalist, is here applying for a renewal of the charter to build a road from Calgary, Northwest Territory, north to Athabasca Landing, beyond Edmonton. He says the road will be built within a few years. Mr. Stigles is also taking up a scheme to build a railroad from Quebec to the east coast of Labrador and to place a fleet of fast vessels on the Atlantic. He thinks this would solve the question of quick transit to and from Europe, claiming that passage could be made to and from Labrador to England in three and a half days.

### An Unhappy Fate.

BATHURST, New Brunswick, December 19.—A train on the International railroad composed of an engine, snow plow and passenger car, went over a bridge near Coraquette yesterday afternoon. Of thirteen men on board, the conductor, engineer, fireman and four section men were pinned down under the engine in the bed of the river and killed. The others were badly burned, but not fatally injured.

### War is Costly.

ROME, December 19.—Signor Mogliani, minister of finance, presented the budget in the chamber of deputies today. The estimates for the coming year showed a deficit of \$2,660,000. This deficit the minister explained, was due to the expedition to Massawa.

### Two Trains Wrecked.

THOMPSON FALLS, December 19.—Two special freight trains collided near Belknap bridge, about five miles west of here, yesterday forenoon, completely wrecking both engines and five cars. No one was injured.

### Vanderbilt in Clover.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 19.—The sultan gave a reception today to Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Strauss, the American minister. Ahmed Pasha conducted Mr. Vanderbilt to his carriage.

### At It Again.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 19.—The official messenger says there has been a conflict in Syria between Bedouins and Druses, in which the latter had 160 killed and 300 wounded.

### The Keely Motor Folly.

PHILADELPHIA, December 18.—The first annual meeting of the stockholders

of the Keely Motor Company since 1883 was held Wednesday. The board of directors in their report say they are more than ever satisfied the enterprise is based upon the application of new motive powers. Keely made a long report, in which he reviewed his work. He has recently become possessed of a new and important discovery. Hereafter his operations will be conducted without either vaporic or etheric forces. What name to give his new form of forces he does not know, but the basis of it all is vibratory sympathy.

### Woolgrowers Aroused.

JACKSON, Michigan, December 16.—The National Merino Sheep Register Association closed its session today. Resolutions were adopted recounting the depression of the woolgrowing industry by a reduction of the tariff on wool, expressing disapproval of the present tariff, and urging the representatives in congress to use all means in their power to oppose legislation looking to a reduction of the tariff on wool. The resolutions also request congress to revise the present classification of foreign wools so as to prevent fraudulent importation and also to protect the manufacturer and dealer from unjust competition.

### Fighting in Mexico.

NOGALES, Arizona, December 16.—Word has just been received of an engagement between Mexican troops under general Loieros, and several of Bernal's bandits, in which a number were wounded on both sides, and one of the bandits a prisoner. A young Mexican woman, Bernardina Barrasa, who had been carried off by Bernal after sacking the town of Otaz, was rescued. Bernal, the prisoner, refused to tell the hiding place of Bernal, and was tied to a tree and shot. A scouting party sent to Cienga and now at Chacoia found three men supposed to belong to Bernal's band and shot them.

### Labor Unions in Session.

BALTIMORE, December 16.—The morning session of the American Federation of Labor was consumed by the introduction of almost innumerable resolutions on various subjects. One was a protest of the International Cigar-makers' Union against the reduction of the internal revenue tax on tobacco. The Progressive Tailor's Union ask an official endorsement for their label, and several trades want congress to pass a law that will prevent men enlisting in the army or navy in any capacity where skilled labor can be used. At noon a recess was taken until 2 P. M.

### Another Veteran Dead.

NEW YORK, December 16.—General Thomas Kirby Smith of Philadelphia, a distinguished soldier of the war of the rebellion, died here today, aged 67 years. He was chief of general Grant's staff at the close of the war. His illness was of short duration, and his death was very unexpected. He studied law with Solomon P. Chase, and was admitted to the bar in 1846. He took part in many important engagements during the war and remained in the field until sickness contracted by exposure compelled him to retire.

### Smooth Sailing in Paris.

PARIS, December 16.—The declaration of the ministers was read in the chamber of deputies today. It declares that the cabinet's sole ambition is to continue the work of concord begun on November 30. The declaration cites the military, financial, economic, administrative and social measures that the government will submit and demands a united republican vote upon the ministerial scheme of military legislation. The deputies 521 to 13 passed the appropriation asked by the government.

### A Timely Find.

NORTH ADAMS, Massachusetts, December 16.—Geographical surveyors working in this section this season found a rich outcrop of copper in the vicinity of Stamford, Vermont, which they proceeded to develop. Shafts have been sunk to a considerable depth on the property, and the results have proved so favorable that the work of further development is being vigorously pushed. It is not yet certain how rich the find may prove to be, but those who have put their money into the scheme are satisfied.

### Indians as Lobbyists.

MINNEAPOLIS, December 16.—A special from Pierre, Dakota, says "The Indians on the Cheyenne reservation and Spotted Tail agency have raised \$5,000 and will send a delegation to Washington to present their views on the Sioux reservation matter. Sitting Bull, Charger and Hump will speak for the red men. The Indians are anxious to have the money paid to them direct."

### Provided For.

HELENA, December 16. Yesterday afternoon Edward J. Banta died at his residence in the northern part of this city, from an attack of typhoid fever after a short illness. He was a carpenter by trade and leaves a wife and child. It is thought he was a member of the United Workmen, and his family will therefore receive insurance money to the amount of \$3,000.

### Free Fight in Mexico.

SAINT LOUIS, December 16.—Advices just received from Jamanive, in the southern portion of the state of Tamaulipas, state that a hot fight occurred during the election Sunday, and that the ballot boxes were destroyed. Eight men were killed and over 40 wounded. The result is that the old mayor will hold over for another term.

### Revolt in Nepal.

LONDON, December 16.—It is reported that the Nepal army has declared for the exiled prince Rumbir Jung, who has organized a revolutionary movement, and is marching upon Khatmandoo, the Nepalese capital.

## COMPLETED AT LAST

SAN FRANCISCO AND PORTLAND LINKED BY STEEL.

A Continuous Line of Steel From Great Falls to the Golden Gate—The Last Spike Driven Amid Great Enthusiasm.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 17.—An excursion party consisting of representatives of various boards of trade in the state, and different mercantile and commercial institutions in the city, left yesterday afternoon to take part in the ceremonies of driving the last spike on the Oregon & California railroad today.

This is the road from San Francisco to Portland. It is owned by the Southern Pacific railroad, which has now a line continuous from the Columbia river to San Diego. Two hundred miles of the north end, from Portland to Roseburg, and ninety miles of the southern end, between Oakland and Redding, of the California & Oregon road were finished many years ago, but there was a gap of 215 miles, which was a most severe work. The Salt Lake Tribune says it not only taxed the ability of the engineers to the utmost, but it was a gigantic work, quite as desperate and expensive as was the building of the road over the Sierras via the Donner lake route. There were three or four turbulent rivers to cross and the Siskiyou range to subdue. There were several heavy tunnels to build, one almost equal in length to the one at the summit beyond Truckee; there were tremendous cuts and fills to be made and there was more trestle work on the road than on the whole Central Pacific. Much of the grading has cost \$75,000 per mile, probably quite 80 miles of the road averaged that amount. But it was worth the cost. Beyond the Sacramento valley and the mountains, Rogue river valley is reached, which is as beautiful and productive a valley as can be found anywhere; beyond it the valley of Umpqua is reached, and beyond that the Willamette. The mountains have a wealth of timber of almost inestimable value, and the road will make a near view of mount Shasta possible to the traveler. There is no grander mountain in America. The road crosses or flanks the Sacramento, the Saint Cloud, (the prettiest river in America), the Pitt, the Consumes, the Shasta, the Rogue, the Umpqua and Willamette, and many others; it takes away the terrors of the Columbia bar to travelers between the two giant states; it will be a mighty avenue of transportation for both freight and passengers. Three years ago the Central Pacific people, who owned the California & Oregon road, secured control of the Oregon & California and now the link in the chain is closed.

### Gives Up the Job.

WASHINGTON, December 17.—The secretary of the interior yesterday transmitted to the house the report of the commissioners appointed in conjunction with the Interstate commission, to run a line between a portion of Indian territory and Texas. The commission has ceased its labors, not being able to effect a settlement of the controversy, as to the point where the 10th meridian of longitude crosses the Red river, in accordance with the treaty of 1819, between the United States and Spain.

### The Law Invalid.

NEW YORK, December 16.—An Augusta, Maine, special says the superior court of Kennebec county, has declared the law making the payment of United States tax as a liquor seller, prima facie evidence that the party paying such tax is a saloon keeper, and therefore a public nuisance, to be unconstitutional.

### Pursuing Highwaymen.

NOGALES, Arizona, December 17.—The prefect of Mazatlan, Mexico, with a posse, has gone in pursuit of the highwaymen who recently the stage at Dwasadora. Six passengers were in the coach when stopped, including Commandant Corralis. He made a bold fight, but was shot and killed.

### Charged With Fraud.

CHICAGO, December 17.—George Webster, ex-superintendent of the north division branch postoffice, was arrested last night, charged with embezzling money order funds. Stanley H. King, ex-money order clerk was also arrested. The amount of the embezzlement is said to be quite large.

### Found Guilty.

MACON, Georgia, December 16. This was the tenth day of the trial of Woolfolk for the murder of nine of his family. The jury was charged at noon, and in twenty minutes brought in a verdict of guilty. The prisoner was sentenced to be hanged February 10th.

### The Bait Act Sanctioned.

BOWTON, December 17.—A dispatch from Saint John's, Newfoundland, says the bait act which was passed by the legislature of the colony, has received royal assent. It forbids the catching or use of bait to foreign fishermen and goes into effect January 1.