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Semi-Weekly

Judge Rolfe in today's Tribune gives Peck a merited scolding, showing him to be a libeler and liar of the first magnitude. In his petty and futile efforts to injure Great Falls, Peck is simply the plant tool of others who take advantage of his egotism and vanity to urge him to this kind of work, while they stand in the back-ground imagining that Peck's exparte and highly imaginative stories are creating said havoc at this place. So far as we can see the only havoc created is with Peck's reputation. He stands convicted of being a cowardly and most malicious liar. Neither is the River Press, in being the medium through which the malicious attack upon Great Falls is made, covering itself with much glory. We notice, too, that a recent issue of the same paper contained a most unjust and ungenerous attack upon Billings. If it is the policy of that paper to seek to build up its town by trying to tear down others, it is a despicable policy and the sooner the citizens of Fort Benton see it the better.

Texas has been trying nullification on a small scale in holding a Kansas "drummer" because he refused to pay the state drummer license. He has, however, been released by order of a United States judge in accordance with the supreme court's decision. Texas should follow the example of Montana, which allows the drummer to disport himself at will among our towns and cities.

Loren Fletcher of Minneapolis speaks in a judicial tone of the coming presidential contest. He predicts that the next republican ticket will be Blaine and Harrison of Indiana. The democratic sages have agreed on president Cleveland, but are divided in opinion of the vice-president nominee. He may come from Indiana also as the vote on either side is close there.

In Saint Paul it is proposed to light the city with electric light produced by water-power. The Flour City would then probably do likewise. It is believed that electricity, produced cheaply by water-power, may even be conveyed long distances to move machinery. Thus is water-power playing an important part in manufactures.

Panton alludes to Great Falls as a "village" in the Butte Miner. Perhaps he would like to see reproduced the flowery language in which he described in Canadian papers the City of Great Falls and the lands around it?

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character possible on wild land. In addition the sheep industry of the territory has been developed from the beginning by men of more than ordinary intelligence and usually with ample means to carry on the business with such system as obtains the best results. Valley Oregon and the best Utah territory wools resemble them closely." Surely Congress will hesitate before impairing an interest which reflects so much credit on the whole country.

Peck is bringing discredit on the Benton Woolgrower, a publication toward which people felt kindly rather for the interest it was supposed to represent than for any want it filled. It is no use for Peck to shield himself behind the Wool Grower. The hide may be that of a sheep, but the roar is the roar of an ass.

Loren Fletcher's Opinion.
 MINNEAPOLIS, December 19. — Loren Fletcher has returned from Washington and gives his views to the Evening Journal. He was asked: Who will be the nominee of the republican party for president next year?
 "James G. Blaine," he replied, "and I have every reason to believe he will be nominated by acclamation. Everything points that way at the present time, but something unforeseen may happen in the meantime which may change the Blaine tide, but I doubt it. Blaine has the party so well in hand that all other candidates who have the presidential bee buzzing in their bonnets see that there is no show for them and for that reason will make no attempt to push their claims. From what I learned in conversation with representative republicans from each state at Washington it is pretty safe to predict that the republican national ticket for 1888 will read: 'James G. Blaine, of Maine, and Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana.'"
 "Can the republicans win with Blaine as their candidate if the democrats renominate Cleveland?"
 "I have no reason to doubt that the party will succeed next year. Blaine will carry every northern state that he did four years ago. The big fight then would center in New York state, as in the past. Blaine will carry it next year if he is nominated."
 "What do you think of Cleveland's message?"
 "It was very adroitly worded. It was written to aid the writer's candidacy for the presidency."
 "Will the solid south be broken next year on account of Cleveland's free trade doctrines in his late message?"
 "Not much. The southern states will vote the democratic ticket no matter who may be at its head, and despite the doctrines of the party leaders. It will be some time yet before the solid south is phased politically."
 "I don't care to discuss state politics. I will say, though, that I think the rank and file of the republican party in this state still favor Blaine. The republican leaders, I believe, however, think that Blaine's nomination next year would be inexpedient and unwise."

Bozeman Makes a Bid.
 Now that the Manitoba railroad, through the Montana Central, has penetrated the heart of Montana, coming through an extensive portion of the northern country, thus far comparatively unsettled and unproductive, will it not be absolutely necessary to branch out in all directions in order to tap the paying traffic business of the territory and insure a paying business for the future? Helena, of course is a splendid business point, considering the fact that it has no direct or immediate resources, beyond its capital advantages; consequently the road must, of necessity, have paying feeders, and the only way this can be accomplished is to run out branches to adjacent and prosperous counties of the territory. In this connection it is safe to say that inasmuch as Gallatin valley is by far the most productive agricultural por-

tion of the Rocky mountains, it will be penetrated within twelve months by the extension of the Manitoba railroad. Boulder will probably be the diverging point, Pony, Red Bluff, and immediate points will be found on the located route from that point to Bozeman.—Bozeman Account Courier.

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