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VILLARD'S VISIT.

The Twin Cities are uniting. In 1883 they sent a delegation to meet Mr. Villard, but this time they met him in person. Mr. Villard said to them: "We are constructing and have constructed during the past two months a cut-off line of the Northern Pacific which will reduce the distance to the great mining camp of Butte City to the extent of 128 miles, and will give St. Paul and Minneapolis the shortest railroad line to that important center. We are building what might be called a cut-off line from near Missoula on the main line to the Clair d'Arc silver regions, which line will, I am sure, open new avenues of trade for the Twin Cities. President Oakes, who has, as most of you are aware, been to the Pacific coast recently, has brought back with him a very large construction programme. I have been going over it with him during the last few days, and I am quite sure that the entire programme will be carried out. The programme means the construction of an entire new system of tributary lines in southeastern, southern and southwestern Washington. We have spent some twelve millions of dollars within two years in constructing branches, and I do not hesitate to say that in the next five years we shall spend from fifty to sixty millions more. This is as much as was spent under my administration of the Northern Pacific during my palmiest days, and as previous expenditures have proved, if I may so express it, great fertilizers, great producers of wealth not only for the people along the lines but for those of the two cities, I am sure the same effect will be felt again. So much for the doings of the railroad enterprise."

Mr. Villard had doubtless in mind some Montana branches when he made these remarks. Mr. Villard added that the Meeker island scheme did not turn out as he expected. Instead of 25,000 horse-power only 1,000 of 7,000 could be derived from that place. But he promised that central power stations to diffuse electricity shall be founded in each of the Twins.

The Northwest Magazine for April, comes freighted with much information from the pen of Col. Smalley and his staff. The article on Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, by Col. Smalley is a model of descriptive writing and contains just the facts which the great homelike public seek. Spokane Falls is illustrated splendidly. There is no "Bird's Eye View" among the pictures to make people suppose that the city was composed of a few rows of shacks.

Some extracts are given from the report of J. T. Panning, "who is one of the foremost authorities on water powers in the United States." He estimates that the water-power at 30,307 gross horse-powers. Mr. Panning says that "20,000 horse power has the possibility of becoming a splendid property. That portion of the water-power already developed at Minneapoli is not greater than this, yet the city gathered about it, has during the last decade doubled itself at the rate of once in four years and now aggregates 50,000 population. Holyoke, with its great paper and machine manufacturing industries, uses 17,000 horse-power. Manchester, Lowell and Lawrence, the great cotton manufacturing cities of New England, use each their maximum of 10,000 horse-power and are rapidly supplementing them with steam-power and their respective mills and mill yards cover more than a hundred acres in each city."

Mr. Panning considers that "cheap power is the potent influence that will stimulate immigration into and production in all this great area and make it a railway hub bringing in the raw materials and distributing to manufactured goods." He observes "that its nearest rivals, Great Falls and Helena, are 400 miles easterly across the Rockies, and the Pacific coast cities are 400 miles westerly." The inference is plain from this that Great Falls, with her enormous available water power, will far outdo Spokane Falls, with 30,307 horse power, Nigara Falls, and all other falls.

The "organ" that defended the proposed duty on hides and the high rates on sugar ought now to be in a bad way, since McKinley has gone back on them. But the genuine "organ" is not consistent. It defends whatever the party does right or wrong.

The Warhorse and the Cuyase are stalled in the Senate. They are braided FRAYD on the forehead, shoulder, hip, rump and sides, so plainly that the whole country can see it and so deeply that it will never be eradicated.

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MISSOULA'S NEW MAYOR.

Great Falls feels personal interest in the election of William J. Kennedy as mayor of Missoula. Mayor Kennedy is uncle of our esteemed fellow-citizen, W. J. Kennedy, who takes a turn at politics himself. Appended is a sketch from the Missoula Gazette, which shows how closely connected Mayor Kennedy has been with this region.

William J. Kennedy was born in Ohio on August 18, 1838, and raised on a farm there, but quit that life at an early age to enlist in the army, joining the Tenth U. S. Infantry, and serving his country for five years. In 1860 he went to California and mined along the banks and here of the old Feather river. In 1861 he proceeded to the Oro Fino mines in W. T., and in 1868 came through by the Elk City and Florence trail to Fort Benton. From that point he paid a visit to old friends in the eastern states via the Missouri. The following year he returned to Fort Benton and started out on a prospecting expedition, taking on a few days provisions with him, as he expected to return soon. However, he did not get back so quickly as he intended—in fact, he did not get back until the spring of 1865, having lived some five months on buffalo meat straight, and had been nearly frozen to death. He went to Silver City, prospecting, and then to Virginia City, from which point he went to Omaha for his family. Returning with them to Helena, he took up a ranch on the Prickly Pear, which is still called Kennedy's ranch.

In 1866 Mr. Kennedy sold out his ranch and went to Benton, where he kept a hotel. Not getting paid for his ranch according to promise he determined to re-occupy it in 1867. On his return to his ranch with his wife and one child they were surprised and captured by the Indians on a hill near the Dearborn, who took a vote whether they should kill them or not. The result of the vote was a tie. Through the vote and the influence of a half-breed who knew the Kennedys they were allowed to go free. A man was murdered at the very same place the following day by the same band of Indians. In 1871 he came to Missoula, where he has been engaged in ranching and in the hotel business. Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Lizzie Swamy in Richmond county, Ohio, Dec. 14, 1863. His brave, excellent wife was the first white woman to traverse the Upper Missouri in a mackinaw, which adventurous feat she fearlessly performed to the summer of 1865.

NEIHART AND BARKER.

In due credit to the Neihart miners that they welcomed the railroad surveys and gave them every facility in their power for locating the road right into the heart of the camp. The track may be open for traffic by the 4th of July. We hope that the claims of Barker will likewise receive speedy attention. Both camps will be great ore producers and will provide abundant traffic for the two branches that will diverge at Monarch.

DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSMEN are deliberating whether they ought propose a substitute for the McKinley tariff bill. They ought not. The senate also will reject any bill because it is democratic. Let the republicans bear the full responsibility for the new tariff bill, if it is ever passed. It is the broad principle of re-fer to needless taxation which the democrats in congress should defend and uphold.

LOREN FLETCHER has not lost his cynical wit. He was asked lately if the republicans would be elected in St. Paul. "I don't know that," he replied, "but it will be in Minneapolis, provided one thing is done." "What?" "Provided a fool killer is appointed to knock in the head some silly republicans who are saying it will not be. I have recommended the appointment of one to the city council."

THE INTER MOUNTAIN is sick unto death. Its columns on Monday bore evidence of the deadly pallor and decrepitude that has befallen the once arrogant sheet. John B. Reed should inscribe over his desk: "Cease to do evil; learn to do well." He should unburden his mind of all he knows of the state steel and henceforth serve the people. It pays better than to serve cliques.

SECRETARY PROCTOR has ordered that troops be withdrawn from eight western posts, including Fort Maginnis. In time Fort Shaw will be abolished and the land adjoining be thrown open for settlement. The Indian has ceased to be a cause of anxiety to the war department and no longer determines where military posts must be.

THE RED LODGE PICKET says the "democratic party of Montana is demoralized." Joe Davis of Helena and Dr. Leavitt of Butte don't think so. For a "democratized" party it has done well at Helena, Bozeman, Butte, Missoula and Anaconda. We fear the Picket is off duty. He is out of the swing.

THE FUNERAL of Samuel J. Randall was simple and solemn, as became his honorable, guileless career. His mourners were many for they comprise the American people whom he served so well and faithfully. TOM POWERS drew the long straw and was entitled to misrepresent Montana until 1893, unless he has the common decency to resign. This has fate begun to punish Sanders already for his misdeeds.

THE BUTTE RACES.

The spring meeting opened in Butte on Monday with the races for the majority and Aldermanic stakes. There were two entries for the former, which was won after a spirited contest. Appended is a summary:

Butte majority stakes. Free for all. One heat over the entire course: 1. The People's Valitor. 2. The Republican Machine's Leavitt. Valitor was the favorite in the betting at the start. After some trouble about nominations a good start was made. Valitor led from the start. Leavitt broke at the Precinct 34 hurdle and met with another mishap in riding over the People's Rights. Valitor, well piloted by the Miner, made a splendid race and came in under the wire amid enthusiastic applause. Leavitt followed in bad form, his jockey, Inter Mountain, being badly used up. Valitor was the favorite in the betting. He was backed by Right, Justice and the People. Leavitt, who carried heavy weight, was backed by Fraud, Corruption, Plunder, and the Knaves and Thugs of Precinct 34 north city. The winners in the Aldermanic contest were all except one, from the democratic stable. The six were well mounted and broke the Butte record. The jockey Reed was thrown early in the race and carried off the field badly disabled. Mantis's stable made a bad showing. It is reported that he will retire from the turf.

McKINLEY has backed down and placed hides again on the free list. So much for the deep concern which he professed for the stock-owners. Blaine intended that this proposed duty on hides should aid his reciprocity scheme, but the shoe manufacturers would not honor the secretary of state to that extent. They could not afford to have their business disturbed for the sake of diplomatic experiments. It is reported that McKinley has also thrown the sugar duties overboard, with the exception of those on refined sugars. He has done this to make people believe that he is reducing the revenue considerably. There are other duties which the country could spare better than those on sugar which are not felt by consumers.

GREAT FALLS should have laws in large number. The residence lots admit of ample space for them. The Tribune Press gives this useful advice for putting laws in good order: "Laws that have become worn out, and where it is not convenient or desirable to renew them by plowing up, may be greatly benefited by running a light harrow over, if the surface is large, or by a sharp steel rake for smaller areas, after stirring the surface by such means judiciously, so as not to severely hurt the roots. Lawn grass should then be sown, after harrowing or raking, using about half the quantity required for new lawns. After sowing, the surface should be harrowed or raked over and finally rolled or beaten down."

An elaborate scheme has been developed on paper in Helena for stock-yards, slaughter-houses and meat-packing. We hope it will realize, but we have misgivings. It is at Great Falls amid the great ranges that such an establishment ought to be founded. By doing so needless expense would be saved and the dress-makers and milliners might be able to send that product to the east, in competition with the meat which Chicago sends to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth. We have here water and cattle. We will soon have a very large home market.

In Chicago the strike goes on with indications that over a hundred thousand people will be thrown out of employment. The carpenters and joiners ask 40 cents per hour for eight hours work instead of 35 cents per hour as heretofore. The carpenters' union is composed of 361 branches with a membership of 73,000. In Chicago where the carpenters began the eight-hour labor strike, the union has 7,000 members. It is to be hoped for the benefit of all concerned that a satisfactory settlement will soon be made.

SENATOR CLARK for such he rightfully is sent the following telegram to James A. Murray the chairman of the city democratic central committee: "WASHINGTON, April 15.—James A. Murray: I congratulate you and the democratic party. Extend my sincere thanks to Kenyon, Lynch, Dawson, Johnson, Casey, McDermott and others, and especially to the poet who sent me the glorious news of your victory. The result is a significant rebuke to those who rob the people of their constitutional rights. W. A. Clark." These sentiments have the right ring.

We hereby, in the name of King Aquarius, the same whose home is in the Giant spring near the city of Great Falls, do proclaim Alderman Billy McDermott of Butte the poet laureate of Montana. Let him be obeyed and respected accordingly.

PRECAUTIONS should be taken against prairie fires such as are reported from Chiswick, where the fire came within half a mile of town. Strict as is the law, no one can tell of a conviction for causing carelessly a prairie fire.

RHODE ISLAND has joined the democratic procession. There is hope now for Vermont and Maine. South Dakota also shows signs of unrest under prohibition. She will vote on woman suffrage next fall and may reject it and the republican ticket.

THE CRIME COMPLETED.

By a vote of 36 to 24 the United States senate has declared that Sanders and Power are entitled to represent Montana in that body. The said 36 senators have placed on record an infamous lie.

Their votes admit the claimants to membership, but they can never make them rightfully members. They can never give them a clear title. As well might the 36 senators declare Benedict Arnold entitled to public respect as strive to convince the people of Montana that Willbur Sanders procured admission to the senate by rightful means.

Sanders played his part admirably. He planned with consummate skill every step in the crime. When he found that the people had declared against him as they had done so often before, he began the plot which was consummated yesterday, in the face of many eloquent protests from democratic senators which imparted justice to defeat and render it more honorable than any distinction which Hoar and his accomplices could confer.

Clark and Maginnis have acted with becoming dignity throughout. They have proved worthy of the trust which the people of Montana reposed in them. Their manly conduct has nerve the elector's arm at Helena, Butte and Missoula. The people will see that the great wrong is righted. The day of retribution is near.

THE MAN who would propose to build a stone wall along the Atlantic coast to keep back the sea would be deemed a lunatic. Yet such a wall is no more needed than the high duties which McKinley would put on barley, potatoes, onions, cabbages, hay, hops, beans, peas, poultry and vegetables in general. When we cannot raise all these things cheaper than other countries, it will be time to liquidate and shut up shop.

BLAINE'S reciprocity scheme seems to be knocked higher than a kite by the new hide and sugar deal. He has now nothing to offer the American states by way of reciprocity except free wool. But as the Argentine republic is the only great wool producer, free wool would not concern Mexico or the other republics. The Harrison faction will not allow Blaine to become too prominent until after 1892; then he may expand as much as he likes.

HELENA, Butte, Anaconda and Missoula shine brightly on the democratic banner. They have all rebuked the state stealers and will do so again next November.

PRECINCT 34 did it on Monday and it will keep doing it until the last political thief shall sleep a troubled sleep in a dishonored grave.—Butte Miner.

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