

ABOUT THE BRIDGES.

The esteemed Leader has worked himself up to a fever heat over the matter of the purchase by the county of the wagon bridge from the Townsite company and the letting of the contract for the construction of a bridge between Cascade and St. Clair.

The simple fact that the Townsite company was a party to the first proposition named was enough in itself to bring forth the senseless tirades in the last two issues of that paper and warrant its falsehoods and perversion of facts.

The Tribune has taken the pains to investigate thoroughly the facts connected with the purchase of the bridge and the awarding of the contract for the Cascade bridge, and we are fully convinced that in each instance the board has acted honorably, properly, and in the interest of the people they serve.

As to the insinuations of the Leader that any member of the board of commissioners accepted a bribe, there is no answer to be made. The charge is only by indirection, and the fact that it is made by H. P. Rolfe renders it unworthy of serious consideration.

In regard to the purchase of the bridge from the Townsite company it may be well, once for all, to review the facts in the case, premising with the statement, on the authority of those interested, that no attempt was made by the commissioners or Townsite officials to influence the bids to be offered by the bridge company representatives.

All other things being equal, we believe the commissioners should have given the preference to the Townsite company, that is, should buy the present bridge rather than build a new one beside it. To do otherwise would be to practically destroy \$45,000 worth of property.

But things were not equal. The proposition of the Townsite company was the best made, and in accepting it the board did the best possible thing for the county.

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These are some of the reasons that prompted the commissioners to accept the proposition of the Townsite company in preference to building a new bridge, and no reasonable man can say that they have not acted with justice and propriety and for

the best interest of the county. The simple fact that they have succeeded in displeasing H. P. Rolfe should be taken as convincing evidence of this fact.

THE ALLEGED PROOFS.

We do not see how anything could be more ridiculous than the efforts of the Leader last evening in presenting its alleged "proofs" of statements made by that paper regarding bridge matters. It has been proclaiming for two or three days that it had the evidence to back up its assertions and when they are called for a letter is published signed "A Bridge Man," for which no one is responsible, the author skulking behind an anonymous signature.

But Rolfe says the name will be given Monday if "Mr. Bookwalter still wants to know the parties." We will say upon his authority that Mr. Bookwalter is anxious for just that information, and he wants the "bridge man," as well as his name, or to quote the exact words of his letter published in yesterday's Tribune, he demands of the manager of the Leader "the disclosure of the name of and the production of the bridge man said to have made the statement." This demand was made while the bridge men were in the city, and the only answer is an anonymous communication and the further promise of producing names in the future, when every single one of the bridge company representatives will be at their homes or in distant parts of the country, and when, if necessary, fraud or forgery can be practiced with impunity.

In a communication published elsewhere, Commissioner Wegner denies emphatically the statements made concerning him by the skulking liar, who hides behind the signature "A Bridge Man," and gives some clear and interesting information on the bridge question. Commissioner Hawkins makes like assertions, and one word from these gentlemen in the estimation of the people of Cascade county is worth a hundred from Rolfe and his whole retinue of anonymous scribblers.

So far as information for the public is concerned little further need be said on this subject. The commissioners will be fully sustained in their action in buying the present bridge rather than building a new one beside it, for the reason that, as already shown by the Tribune, it was, all things considered, the cheapest bridge of that character and worth that could be secured.

LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT.

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We respectfully referred the Leader to Mr. Commissioner Dickey for an answer to this query, with the assurance that he would be able to throw a 16,000-power calcium light on the subject. In this we were correct. Mr. Dickey said in the Leader last evening:

The bid of A. Y. Bayne for the Cascade bridge was not considered by the board of county commissioners for the reason that his bid did not include the extra length of piers mentioned in the specifications. The lowest bidder received the award.

We may say this disposes completely of the only serious charge preferred by the Leader against the board of commissioners. After indorsing the statements of a loud-

mouthed and disgruntled bridge man and practically accusing the commissioners of accepting bribes, that paper now acknowledges its error, as we knew would be the case. Commissioner Dickey threw the proper light on the subject.

CITY ELECTION.

To this time the fact seems to have been almost wholly overlooked that we are to have a spring election the first Monday of next month for the purpose of choosing a mayor and other city officers and an alderman from each of the wards. It is about time to give the subject consideration to the end that capable and worthy men may be selected for the offices to be filled. The custom of the past, which proved wholesome during the infancy of our city, of uniting upon candidates without regard to party or other lines will probably prevail no more. We have outgrown that and may look for a contest on a political division this time.

HERE'S THE NAME BUT WHERE IS BAYNE?

As the bridge men have had time enough to get scattered to the four winds and are beyond recall, the Leader reprints the letter that appeared in its Saturday issue over the signature of "A Bridge Man," signing it this time "A. Y. Bayne." Following this is an indorsement of Bayne by H. W. Jack, but there is a painful absence of an indorsement of Jack by anybody.

Now this man Bayne is the one who had the lowest bid on the Cascade bridge, but it was an incomplete bid, and was properly rejected by the commissioners. Because he was not allowed to amend his bid after it and all the other proposals had been opened, he stormed about in a furious manner, and even had the immaculate gall to accuse one of the commissioners of receiving a bribe.

This is the man the Leader would have the people of this community believe in preference to the united assertions to the contrary of Messrs. Bookwalter, Hawkins and Wegner! These gentlemen say positively and unequivocally that the statements in the letter first signed by "A Bridge Man" and later by "A. Y. Bayne" are falsehoods, and their evidence is worth that of an hundred Baynes and Jacks who took good care to be out of the state and out of reach before their names went into cold type.

The issue is one of veracity and integrity with Messrs. Bookwalter, Wegner and Hawkins on one side and Bayne on the other. We submit the case to the court of the people without argument.

The Leader says "Paris Gibson avoids the issue as usual by a personal attack," meaning, we presume, the bridge issue, if there is one. As a matter of fact Senator Gibson did not return from Helena until the bridge contracts were awarded and if he had anything to do with the matter since, the Tribune is not aware of it.

A MOVEMENT is on foot on the part of a large number of the personal friends of Senator Gibson to tender him a dinner and banquet at an early date in recognition of his splendid services in the state legislature in behalf of Great Falls and Cascade county. It is an honor fully deserved and the affair may be counted upon in advance to be a great success.

The Independent is having a little fun at the expense of the Hon. J. M. Boardman of Choteau. Among other things it says Mr. B. lives at Great Falls, does business at Fort Benton, draws his mileage for Dawson county and sojourns at Deer Lodge. Mr. Boardman is even accused of not being a statesman and parliamentarian. The Independent will have to answer for these things.

The Independent styles Mr. Gibson "the Nestor of the Senate," and says he would honor and dignify any position in the gift of the state. The same paper says that his leadership in the fight against the Bozeman-Missoula combination to locate the educational institutions was a masterly one.

A few days ago, while sitting in Elder Brother's store at Tingley, Iowa, Mr. T. L. Dyer, a well-known citizen, came in and asked for something for a severe cold which he had. Mr. Elder took down a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and said: "Here is something I can recommend. It commands a large sale and gives genuine satisfaction. It is an excellent preparation and cheap." Mr. Dyer purchased a bottle, and the next day, when we saw him, he said he was much better, and the day following appeared to be entirely restored.



The annual meeting of the trustees of school district No. 1, Cascade county, Montana, for the election of one trustee for the ensuing term of three years will be held at the South-side school-house, in the city of Great Falls, in and for said district on Saturday, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1891. The polls will be kept open from 2 o'clock p. m. until sunset. W. P. BEACHLEY, Clerk. Great Falls, Mont., March 9, 1891.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NORTHWESTERN NATIONAL BANK OF GREAT FALLS, MONT.

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Capital stock paid in \$20,000.00. Surplus fund 35,000.00. Undivided profits 12,340.79. State bank notes outstanding 44,328.70. Individual deposits subject to check 323,628.07. Demand certificates of deposit 78,301.60. Time certificates of deposit 192,228.50. Certified checks 296.15. Cashier's checks outstanding 471.45. Due to other national banks 2,407.85. Due to State banks and bankers 1,007.27. Notes and bills re-discounted 66,268.75.

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