

FREE COINAGE PLATFORM.

Mr. Thomas H. Carter professes to believe that no man can be elected president upon a free coinage platform, therefore he thinks the republicans of the state will not make it a direct issue in the next campaign.

Again these same authorities hold that the platform upon which Harrison was elected favored free silver coinage.

The republican party is in favor of the use of both gold and silver as money and condemns the policy of the democratic administration in its efforts to demonetize silver.

The state platform of the party was much more direct and Mr. Carter was elected upon it. Now, why should this switching, of which the gentleman speaks, occur at this late date?

For those reasons the Tribune must differ with Mr. Carter in his platform predictions. Still there is just a bare possibility that the republican party of Montana will take Carter's hint and forget to incorporate a silver plank in its platform.

A MERITED COMPLIMENT. Mr. Nixon, editor-in-chief of the Chicago Inter-Ocean, was among last year's visitors to Great Falls.

Montana cities are bidding for the new Congregational college. Helena, Livingston, and Great Falls all are in the market.

That is a good idea of the Salt Lake Tribune. It proposes an amendment to the constitution of the United States, providing that the president shall be elected four years in advance of his term of office.

SUGAR AND TIN AGAIN.

The Tribune's articles upon the sugar and tin schedules in the McKinley tariff and the defeat of the Leader in its attempt to defend its party against the well sustained charge of injustice to the people in fastening that tariff upon them brought the Inter Mountain to the front with a column article in defense of the monstrosity and the position of our evening contemporary.

In its rush to the rescue of the Leader the Butte paper falls into the same errors in stating facts and figures that the former did. But the figures are immaterial for they really cut no figure in determining the right or wrong of the matter in dispute.

Sugar was put upon the free list for the alleged reason that this country could not produce all it consumed and that it is wrong to make the people pay a duty upon articles which must be imported.

Now let us take the article of wool. The duties on the raw and manufactured articles are largely increased under the McKinley tariff. And why? To protect home growers and home manufacturers.

It must not be understood that in thus presenting these matters the Tribune favors a high tariff for sugar or free tin and free wool.

THE ENTERING WEDGE.

The new departure in the method of selecting presidential electors, inaugurated by the Michigan legislature, is simply the entering wedge in the splitting and final destruction of the present system.

system never did and never will reflect the true wishes of the people. When Hancock and Garfield ran for the presidency the former was the choice of California but Judge Terry being badly scratched on the Hancock ticket Garfield secured one electoral vote, whereas if the two men had been directly voted for by the people Hancock would have carried the state.

The elector is only a sort of a middle-man anyway. He can be dispensed with in presidential elections as well as he can in gubernatorial elections.

But says one: What are you going to do with your doctrine of states' rights if the people of a commonwealth vote directly for president and vice-president. Now what are states' rights? Simply the right of a state to exercise all those powers and functions of government not delegated to the United States.

THE AFTERMATH.

Harrison has completed the circle and is at home, and now comes the aftermath. It is a disagreeable one for all the parties concerned and gives rise to the suspicion that many who took part in receiving him and his party were actuated more by their love of self glory than by an honest desire to pay due respect to the highest officer in the land.

Every one of these supervisors should be led outside the city limits and be soundly spanked, for in refusing to allow the bill for the card they have acted like great loutish school boys.

The Boston judges who gave orders that jurymen in that city should be served with a seventy-five cent meal instead of a four-bit one have a true conception of human weaknesses.

"LITTLE BY LITTLE,"

"Little by little," says an exchange, "the spoils system, which has so long been the reproach, or rather one of the reproaches of political administrations of this country, is giving way before more rational as well as more honest modes of appointment."

LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION.

The Illinois house of representatives recently passed an educational bill after cutting out a clause which provided for instruction in the English language in parochial and private schools.

Now let us look at this matter as reasonable men, not as politicians striving to gain a political point by appealing to the pride or prejudice of American citizens. We have in this country a purely American institution—free public schools. These schools are supported by gifts of land from the general government and by direct taxation.

Many wealthy American parents who wish their children to acquire a thorough knowledge of German or French send their children across the Atlantic to attend schools which are conducted wholly in one or the other of those languages.

The Illinois house and the Wisconsin legislature are right. The latter in repealing the absurd Bennett law, not only carried out the wishes of a large majority of the people of Wisconsin, but it placed itself in accord with the liberal spirit of the age.

A Pioneer Press reporter committed the folly of attempting to get an interview out of Colonel Sanders as the latter passed through that city on his way home two or three days ago.

The Minneapolis Times of the 14th inst. in noting the presence of Hon. Thos. H. Carter in St. Paul, thus sizes up the possibilities at Washington: "Mr. Carter fell outside the breakfast table last fall and has since been encouraged to stay

in the republican party by the gift of the land office. Now it is said he is to move to Secretary Noble's place while that shock headed individual goes back to St. Louis to think. Of course Mr. Carter knows nothing about it, but the chances are that the change will be made.

BUTTE has been credited with being the home of the prize-fighter, the thug and the tramp, and of being the wickedest city in the west. Butte may have been all these, but now she has, in no small measure, redeemed herself.

The Anaconda Standard nominates Gen. Charles S. Warren as Silver Bow county's commissioner to the World's Fair, vice Mr. Geoffrey Lavelle, whom Gov. Toole appointed, but who finds that his future business engagements will not permit his acceptance of the honor.

If the following from the Minneapolis Journal will not make Montana editors stay at home and spend their superfluous wealth in visiting the unequalled springs, and viewing the matchless scenery of our own state instead of running off to Europe every season, the Tribune does not know what will.

"The best posted steamship people estimate the number of Americans who will go to Europe this season for pleasure at 40,000. These 40,000 will spend not less than \$20,000,000 in the old country and, in addition, there are 50,000 Americans temporarily residing in Europe who will spend \$50,000,000 more.

THE TRIBUNE is pleased to note that Col. John B. Read has returned from the Arkansas hot springs with restored health and that he is now being heard and felt in the columns of the Inter Mountain.

HARRISON broke the record in his swing around the circle. He traveled nearly 10,000 miles and made 140 speeches, one day making twelve to as many different assemblages.

THE treasury department cannot understand how it happens that while the McKinley tariff imposes a duty of \$4.80 per pound upon Havana cigars, and 25 per cent ad valorem, these cigars are selling at the old price.

AN exchange says the kitchen of the Sultan costs the Turkish empire \$200,000 annually and then adds: "That is pretty well for a kitchen, but we have one here in this country which cost the people for the year ended June 30 last, \$100,357.534. It is the pension bureau."

AND still they come. This time it is the "Flathead Valley News," published at Kalispell and Ashley by the Flathead Publishing company and edited by the O'Connor Bros. It is a seven-column folio, and starts out with a good advertising patronage and newsy pages.

THE Missouri river, which has really been too long to associate with during the last two years, has risen from its base level to a mark more in harmony with its majestic proportions. The recent rains have sent it up in the world.

AN ENCOURAGING OUTLOOK.

The voice of the croaker should be longer heard in Montana. As no since the settlement by the whites it presented more glowing prospects for the future than it presents today.

The Hon. Thomas H. Carter was quoted at the Broadwater last evening by his Helena admirers. Of course the little demonstration upon the part of Mr. Carter's friends has no political significance, as that gentleman's visit to Montana at this particular juncture "purely in the interests of his private business," as the Journal puts it.

THE announcement that Col. Ingersoll passed through Great Falls today reminds the TRIBUNE that in 1858 he was one of the democratic speakers who was sometimes employed to fill in when Douglas spoke. That was a good many years ago, and it is no discredit to the matchless orator to say that he was at that time, only an ordinary and not a very interesting speaker.

AND now comes the charge that the Chilean dispatches concerning the civil war existing there have been doctored in the interests of the insurgents by the English. It is said the insurgents have not won a battle and have no footing in the country.

IT must be conceded that President Hughtett of the Northwestern Railroad company is adopting heroic measures to break the switchmen's strike on his road.

FILED FOR RECORD.

- MAY 17. The following instruments were yesterday made matters of public record: Daniel H. White to Robert Vaughn, lot 14, block 572, \$5,000. William Hickory et ux to Rev. John James Dols, lot 3, block 243, 3,000. H. O. Chown, trustee, to Patrick H. Hughes, lot 14, block 30, West Great Falls, 1,000. Charles O. Parsons, agent and trustee to the Boston & Great Falls Land Co., the south half of the southeast quarter, the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 8, township 20 north of range 4 east, the south half of the southeast quarter of section 5, the north half of the northeast quarter of section 4 and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 20 north of range 4 east, 1. Henry Prentiss, jr., trustee to the Boston & Great Falls Land Co., the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 8, township 20 north of range 4 east, the southwest quarter of section 4 and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 3, township 20 north of range 4 east, 1. Dan Carpenter and Thomas Gahagan filed notice of location of the Wandering Boy quartz lode claim in an unorganized mining district. William and James Beattie, Robert Scott and George Duncan recorded notice of location of the Morning Star mining claim in Lone Tree (unorganized) mining district. Also a notice of the location of the Silver Tip mining claim, same district. Thomas Gahagan and Dan Carpenter recorded the Orphan Boy quartz lode location notice in unorganized district. For Elegant and Exclusive Styles of Dress and Drapery Silks go to Joe Conrad's.