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PROTECT THE FLAG.

Secretary of State Gresham has directed the United States minister at Madrid to demand of the Spanish government an explanation of the reported firing upon a United States mail steamer by a Spanish gunboat off the coast of Cuba.

SUFFRAGE IN UTAH.

The Salt Lake Tribune opposes a woman suffrage clause in the constitution now being prepared on the rather thin pretext that it may endanger the ratification by the people.

PORT OF ENTRY.

In referring to the proposed removal of the port of entry for Montana the Anconada Standard quotes approvingly the Tribune article on the subject and says: "Great Falls aspires to be the port of entry for this state and her aspiration should be gratified."

ENGLAND'S BLUFF.

The bringing of the mail steamer Albatross by a Cuban gunboat was but a trivial affair, due, no doubt, to the overzeal and ignorance of a Spanish naval officer.

FAIR'S WILL.

Old "Jimmy" Fair thought he was smart when he made what he considered an iron clad will with a disinheriting clause in the event of a contest.

CHINESE INDEMNITY.

Li Hung Chang, the accredited representative of China, has reached the city where the peace conference is to be held, and negotiations will at once be commenced.

oft declared policy of our government can be tolerated is out of the question. The Monroe doctrine is as much a part of our creed today as it was the day it was enunciated.

Just what the relative rights of England and the United States may be in the premises THE TRIBUNE is not prepared to say, but in view of the gravity of the situation it expresses the hope and belief that the administration will be equal to the emergency and will uphold to its fullest extent the dignity of the government of the United States.

SHERIFFS' FEES.

The sheriffs of the larger counties of Montana should at once hold a meeting and pass a vote of thanks to one of the enrolling clerks of the house of representatives. This clerk by some error in enrolling the bill regulating the fees of sheriffs wrote fifty instead of forty, and thus allowed the officials ten cents per capita more per day for feeding prisoners than the sum fixed in the bill.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES.

The employees of the United States postal service, especially the railway mail and letter carriers, have formed an organization with a view of securing legislation in their behalf, especially in regard to wages and hours.

HELENA JURY.

A Helena jury, following precedents set in many cities, has decided that it is the duty of the city to see that sidewalks are kept in repair and that failure to do so renders them liable.

HELENA MAN.

That was a notable plea the young Helena man who was accused of forgery and raising city warrants entered as a defense. He claimed that the warrants he raised were illegally issued by the city, being in excess of the limit allowed by law.

receive a large indemnity fund from China, the lowest figure mentioned being \$250,000,000. As silver has been the national money of both the countries, it was naturally supposed that the indemnity would be paid in silver.

The raid will be made, the reserve depleted and in pursuance of his bull-headed policy Mr. Cleveland will issue more bonds and add to the interest paying debt. In other words the people of the United States will be mulcted in the sum of millions of dollars in order that China may at the demand of England pay its war indemnity in gold.

MR. CARLISLE'S MOVIE.

If Sir Charles Wilson, the English gentleman who has been visiting the United States in the interest of foreign holders of Central Pacific bonds, is correctly quoted, Secretary Carlisle has been making some rather remarkable statements. A brief talk of the Englishman is printed in another column, and in it he credits Mr. Carlisle with saying that the government would not deal with the railroad on the pound of flesh principle and would remit the interest due by the road if the principal was paid.

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POLITICAL PERQUISITES.

W. M. Springer of Illinois and C. B. Kilgore of Texas have been appointed by the president judges of the United States courts in the northern and southern districts of the Indian Territory respectively. This appears to be rather small picking for such pronounced friends of the administration, especially in the case of Springer, who has been twenty years in congress, and did his best for Cleveland during the past session as chairman of the banking and currency committee.

eligible grabbers for the senatorial plums that will fall into somebody's basket. In this light the appointments are not such a mealy reward of merit as they appear at first blush, though each of the gentlemen would have preferred a cabinet position or a foreign mission, and certainly each felt that he was entitled to some such distinguished honor at the hands of the appointing power.

INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Under the terms of a bill passed by the 53d congress the secretary of the interior is directed to negotiate with the Blackfoot and Belknap tribes for a cession of a portion of their reservations in order that they may be opened up for settlement. Advice from Washington are to the effect that Secretary Smith has been advising the Indians not to dispose of any of the lands they hold, but to divide them in severalty among themselves and to lease portions of them to settlers who will improve them.

DEMOCRACY.

The people in the west who have been and are democrats, are certainly not at all pleased with the conduct of Mr. Cleveland and the record made by the 53rd congress. For this they have ample reason, and the sentiment is shared by a large majority of the party all over the land. The enemy in view of this state of affairs, has affected to believe that the democratic party is disrupted and disorganized.

BELLIGERENT JAPS.

The most interesting of the dispatches that came over the wires yesterday was one indicating that the dominant sentiment in Japan was decidedly against peace and in consequence negotiations would be broken off and the war resumed with greater vigor. It may be true that the military spirit in the kingdom has not been satisfied and will not be until Peking is invaded by the Japanese and the defeat and humiliation of the empire made complete.

BEWARE OF SACALINE.

The United States Agricultural Department So Says. Washington Muzzey recently wrote the United States department of agriculture concerning the merits of a plant known as sacaline. This is an imported plant, which, through the efforts of interested nurserymen, has gained some reputation in the past year as a forage plant, and several Cascade county ranchers have contemplated experimenting with it.

ADAM BADEAU. The death of General Adam Badeau, which occurred at his home in New Jersey on Wednesday, deserves more than passing notice. Deceased was not especially famous, not even conspicuous, yet his intimate relations to General Grant, whose confidence he enjoyed to the fullest extent, made his services to the country valuable and worthy of recognition.

LAUGHING AT LAW.

The reorganized whisky trust is in the field and is said to absolutely control the entire output of spirits in the United States. What has become of the anti-trust law? The head devil of this new combine is the receiver of the old one and consequently is acting under the direction of a court, and a United States court at that. What is the use of passing laws and talking about working men's conspiracies when the court becomes a party to such a bare-faced as high-handed violation of an express statute? This whisky trust is as infamous a conspiracy as was ever formed and it is reared upon the wreck of one in which men, after being forced into were coolly robbed by the projectors of over \$1,000,000 so far as known.

M'CLURE'S MAGAZINE.

McClure's Magazine for April will contain the first of a series of illustrated papers relating the more dramatic chapters in the history of the Tammany society from its foundation in 1789 down through the startling investigations of the Law committee. The author of the paper is E. J. Edwards, who as "Holland" of the Philadelphia Press, has shown himself to be almost without a rival in his intimate acquaintance with political affairs.

Mrs. Mary Lease.

Mrs. Mary Lease has satisfied all who are concerned that her lease as a member of the Kansas board of state charities is a good one, and she now proposes to take a lease on the office of mayor of Wichita. Mary does not intend to belie her name.

E. Poulton, Proprietor of the I. N. Saloon, Claims to Have Lost \$300.

The police department were notified recently by E. Poulton, who runs the I. N. Saloon on Third avenue south, near Second street, that his house had been burglarized and \$300 in cash stolen from it. He claims that he had this sum in his lady's hand bag which he kept in a bedroom concealed between the mattress. Some time during the night the thief had gained entrance to the bedroom by cutting a pane of glass with a diamond, unfastening the window sash and getting in through the window. The marks of the diamond on the glass were plain to be seen.

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