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The capitol site commission will again meet and monkey next week, and after a few days session, will adjourn until about October 1.

The sad occurrence at the Orphan's home last Saturday casts a gloom over that excellent institution. This, the editorial page, went to press Wednesday and at that time the particulars were very meagre.

John McMurray, who has demonstrated his ability as a newspaper manager by placing a brand new journalistic enterprise on a paying basis in one year, and at the same time, has not allowed his business duties to interfere with his editorial work and has gotten married in the meantime, will soon merge the Anaconda Recorder into an evening daily.

The Easton mill resumed operations this week. We say "the Easton mill" but we probably should say the "new Easton mill," as the institution has received so much new machinery and such an overhauling that one who knew its every corner six months ago, would be a stranger to it now. The Easton puts bread into the mouths of many, and the hum of its wheels is merry music for all of us.

Agent Teter's report will be food for thought for the society for the prevention of cruelty to the Red Devils, until perhaps another uprising. This western country needs about a dozen army officers of the Col. Chivington stripe, who paid back the treacherous Indians in their own coin at Sand Creek, Colorado, about 30 years ago, and when he got through paying, there wasn't enough of the dusky warriors left to make a kick on his methods.

What social lions these young Princeton collegians will be when they return to their eastern homes after braving the Bannacks in the wilds of Wyoming. What tales of tomahawks and thrilling hair breadth escapes they will tell, and what heroes they will be in their mother's and sweetheart's eyes. They will be lucky if they don't incur the ire of the shoulder-strapped fellows, who are destined to do the fighting, if any fighting there be, while the Princetonians reap all the glory of the campaign.

The citizen-soldiery of Montana will go into camp at Fort Ellis next week and our best wishes go with them. The National Guard of Montana is an institution of which the state should be proud. True, they have seen very little service, but since the writer saw a handful of them, 18 in all, charge down upon and drive a mob of several thousand angry men from the streets of Butte during the riots of last year, they have had his respect and admiration. If 18 men can do this much, the regimental possibilities are unlimited. Virginia sends a company of stalwarts.

The plan of campaign in the interest of the white metal is assuming tangible form. It is the plan endorsed by the Salt Lake conference; to raise a fund of \$50,000 among the principal silver states with which orators will be sent to the east and literature of a character that will educate the voters distributed. The efforts of the

publishers of Coin's Financial School have clearly demonstrated the efficacy of the plan, and it is to be hoped that the men of Montana will respond liberally. Montana's proportion is \$15,000. Mr. Merrill has written to a number of prominent men in different parts of the state urging them to bring the matter before the citizens of their respective localities. In another column will be found a letter from Mr. Merrill to Henry Elling of this city. Its perusal by those interested in the fight of the white metal men is requested. Perhaps, in a few days, after the matter has been sufficiently advertised, a mass meeting will be held, and if so it should be attended by every man who has the good of the community and state at heart. This is a movement looking to bi-metallism, and bi-metallism means everything for us of Montana. Therefore, there should be no lagging.

"DESPERATION."

The New Game of Cards Which Is Interesting Eastern Society.

"Desperation" is a game of cards that is best described as a continuity of sequences, regardless of suit. It is played with three full packs of 52 cards each, and the most convenient number of players is 12, but eight or ten persons will find it a very delightful way to spend an evening. In a party of ladies and gentlemen the better way is for the one six to challenge the other six and then, sitting in couples at the table, alternating the play.

The first duty is to select a banker, who should also act as umpire for the evening. The banker or dealer should then shuffle the three packs of cards together very thoroughly and count two "nests," of 30 cards each, the one to be known as "ladies' nest," the other as "gentlemen's nest," placing them at opposite ends of the table. Each player then receives a hand of six cards, dealt one at a time. These hands are placed face down directly in front of each player.

The play is from the banker to the left, and each player turns up a card, and the play continues until an ace is turned. The privilege of turning the top card of center nests is taken by the first player of each side. When an ace is turned up, it is placed in the center of the table, and the fun begins. The purpose of the game is to exhaust the center nests, and the game is won by the side exhausting their nest first. The sequences in the center of the table are ace high to deuce, while the side sequences or partner's hand are high or low. So that each partner plays on the center sequences, his or his partner's sequences and his own, in effect playing seven hands in a 12 hand game.

The fun of the game is caused by the penalty connected therewith, which is: No player is permitted by word, look, sign, motion or suggestion to indicate to the person playing any play or misplay possible on penalty of forfeiting the play of said player and having the chance of a sequence pass to the next player at table, which would naturally be an opponent.

There is a great amount of sport in this game for a social evening, and it is very popular in the eastern cities. It can be made "progressive" if desired on the same principles as euchre.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

A BAD MARK FROM GOD.

A Little Girl's Original Definition in Court of "What is a Sin?"

An incident worth recording occurred before Chief Judge Sedgewick of the superior court in the trial of the action brought in behalf of Ida Goldberg to recover \$15,000 damages from Edward Ridley & Sons for injuries received in being knocked down and run over by one of the wagons of the firm. The girl had her arm fractured. The defense was that she was responsible for the accident by her own negligence.

Lottie Goldberg, a sister of the plaintiff, who is only 11 years of age, was called to the witness chair to testify to the circumstances of the accident. She was such a little child that she was questioned as to her understanding the nature of an oath, in order to ascertain whether she should be allowed to testify.

"Do you understand the nature of an oath?"
"Yes, sir."
"What is it?"
"It is a swear."
On cross examination the little girl was asked:

"What do you mean when you say it is a swear?"
"Well, it is that I have to tell the truth."

"If you don't tell the truth, what then?"
"That would be a sin."

"What is a sin?"
"A bad mark from God," answered the little one.

The venerable chief judge was visibly touched at this answer of the child and remarked, "This is a very intelligent child and perfectly understands the obligations of an oath." She was then al-

lowed to give her testimony.—New York Recorder.

So Womanly.

That the ways of woman are passing strange was again proved by an incident on a Main street car last evening. A gentleman arose to offer his seat to a lady who had just entered with her little boy. Seeing the seat vacant, she sent the boy to occupy it, while she clung to a strap. She was evidently very tired and would have enjoyed a seat, but preferred to care for her son first. Presently a lady left the car, and the one standing took her seat. Next to her was a serving maid with a pretty baby on her lap. The lady asked permission to hold it, and the request being granted she cooed and talked and played with the child for a half hour, utterly oblivious of her own boy's jealous cries and frantic efforts to attract attention.—Cincinnati Tribune.

Worth's Frankness.

Kate Field says she thinks that Worth made for her the only dress that he ever made of American material. She took him a piece of American satin for the purpose, and at first he refused point blank to touch it. "The manufacturers at Lyons would never forgive me," he said. "They would accuse me of treachery." But eventually Miss Field's persuasion prevailed. Worth was exceedingly frank to his customers. "Choose that color if you like," he said one day to a rich American woman, "but you'll look like a fright, and your husband will refuse to pay the bill."

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