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The dog days are half gone and the August sensation of Senator Sanders is as yet "unsprung."

Editor Kennedy has injected a little of the elixer of journalistic life into the old New Northwest and is making his paper one of the spiciest country weeklies in the state.

Anaconda is teeming with life and activity. Every story told of her is one of progress and plenty. According to the Recorder, the population of Anaconda and her environs is about 9,000.

The completion of the Virginia-Sheridan telephone system will mark the beginning of a new era of progress in Madison county. The line will be completed within the next thirty days.

We publish this week the new mining law, on which every miner and prospector should read up. The new law is much more stringent than the old and greatly complicated the process of claim location.

And now we know why the advocates of total abstinence keep away from Butte during the summer season. The water there is enough to drive a man to strong drink. Butte's Keeley graduates are certainly out of luck.

Gaylord is a go. Everything points that way, all rumors to the contrary notwithstanding. That means an increase in Madison county's assessed valuation of more than a million dollars, and the opening up of a hundred prosperous mines, which under present conditions are prospects merely.

The Jackson Hole furore is fast assuming the Lilliputian proportions of a kindergarten bow-wow. A pint of fire water and a pound of war paint mixed indiscriminately with half a dozen braves is sufficient to create an Indian scare capable of shaking this great nation of seventy million people from center to circumference.

Governor Rickards made no mistake in appointing Hon. James M. Page to succeed the late lamented R. O. Hickman as state land agent. Mr. Page's profession fits him admirably for the position. Besides he is an able man of sterling worth, the best part of whose life has been devoted to the development of his adopted state.

What does Virginia propose to do with Mr. Merrill's proposition to aid the cause of silver? The organization of a local bi-metallic club is in order. We might as well set the pace for some of our sister towns as to bring up the rear of the procession. We were among the first to take public cognizance of the Northern Pacific land grab last winter, and other towns were quick to follow our example. We are all silver men to the core, and now, at the beginning of the battle is the time for silver's stalwarts to gird on armor and form the skirmish line. Virginia can set the state an example by being first to organize for bimetalism.

WILD AND WOOLY.

What uncouth, uncultured people, we of the west seem in the eyes of the average resident of the effete east. Recently the Washington Post published an alleged interview with a Montana

man in reference to social life in the west, and concerning W. A. Clark in particular. It is a gem. We reproduce it from the Anaconda Standard: The Post goes on in a shameless way stringing together a lot of the wildest fabrications about Mr. Clark, and concluding with an extravagant description of his handsome home in Butte. The tone and character of the article may be gathered from the following paragraph:

There was no one there to appreciate such luxury, and most of his friends would have found more to admire in a Durham Bull tobacco ad. than in his Van Dyck. There was but one thing to be done, that was to entertain the voting constituency of the town and he did it like a hero. He told each mine 'boss' to tell the boys to come in Saturday night and have a good time, and they came. Their only knowledge of dressing up was to shave and put on high-heeled boots, and their gashed faces told how they had struggled to do the former in spite of dull and long-unused razors, and they tottered on their high heels the Axminsters groaned and yielded up thread by thread. But the boys had a good time. Most of them had never seen upholstered chairs before, but they were willing to humor W. A.'s d— nonsense, and sit on the edge of them, so if their overalls, which they had carefully tucked into their boots before coming, were not to clean, the chairs wouldn't be hurt anyhow. They didn't know what a dipper was in the punch bowl if it was not to drink with, so they drank with it and wiped their mouths on their flannel shirts, all unconscious of the imported servants' horror. They danced with each other in the magnificent ballroom, and it swayed under their mighty leaps. W. A. had not lived in the west all for naught, and the punch was not such as we find in these degenerate days, and the beer was brought by the dozen cases straight from Milwaukee. The refreshments were not ice cream and cake, but they put the boys in good humor, and when they left after these weekly soirees they declared that W. A. should have Montana and even the West Indies if he wanted them.

OVER A MISFIT COFFIN.

Extraordinary Lawsuit Between an Undertaker and Young Woman.

The jury which has been listening to the very unique and extraordinary testimony in the case of Miss Minnie Heincke against Undertaker Kohlermann of Lawrenceburg, Ind., returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. The plaintiff, who is an indigent young woman, will have to pay the expenses of the court trial, together with attorneys' fees, and the amount will run up to more than she has earned as a seamstress within the past year. It was a very singular case, the like of which was never docketed before in the civil courts of this country.

On the 23d day of last January there died in Lawrenceburg John Heincke, a German, aged 60 years. The day after Heincke's death Undertaker Louis Kohlermann was called in to take charge of the remains. The family was poor, but they wanted their dead father laid away as respectably as their limited purses would allow. The undertaker promised them a very neat job for \$75.

Sunday afternoon, with all the pomp and ceremony the family could afford to indulge in, the body of the dead was removed to a vault in Greendale cemetery, and there deposited until the spring, when they should bury it.

The Sunday following the incasement of Heincke's body in the vault Miss Minnie, the only living daughter, visited the cemetery, together with several female friends. She expressed a desire to see her father's face, and the sexton, being of an accommodating disposition, opened the vault. A female companion of Miss Heincke's saw the face before the daughter did and pulled her away before her eyes had the chance to rest upon the corpse. The rumor soon became noised about that the body had been deposited in a coffin far too small for the man. The undertaker was consulted, and he went out to see for himself. Sure enough, the nose touched the glass covering. He told the children of Heincke that he would change the coffin, and he kept his word.

Subsequently the body was interred. A few days afterward the undertaker was startled upon being served with a notice that suit had been filed by the daughter in the sum of \$1,000 for damages alleged to have been done her heart and feelings because her father's face had been put out of shape by the glass covering of the cruel coffin.

Miss Heincke was in the courtroom during the trial. She often wept during the delivery of the testimony. Over 40 witnesses were examined. The judge's charge was in favor of the defendant, and the jury, after deliberating ten minutes, agreed that the original coffin, which meantime had been exhibited in court, was amply large, and that the defendant as an undertaker had performed his duty.—Chicago Tribune.

THE DEATH RECORD.

Alexander H. Rice, ex-governor of Massachusetts, died of paralysis.

Judge George F. Blanke of the Chicago superior court, died suddenly from heart disease.

E. D. Halsted, treasurer of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas, in Texas, died suddenly at Dallas.

Dr. Frances L. Kyle, sister of United States Senator Kyle of South Dakota, died at Chicago from the effects of a surgical operation.

Sold Their Son For Two Shillings.

At Tiverton guardians yesterday it was reported that a laborer's wife named Thomas had sold her son to gypsies for 2 shillings, and that the husband and father, who was ill in Exeter hospital, had acquiesced in the sale. The guardians said the only legal action they could take was to stop the outdoor relief the family had been receiving. The Rev. J. Fowler said such a deliberate act was almost incredible in this age. The relieving officer said the boy went with the gypsies willingly.—London Daily News.

Never Trust a Woman With a Gun.

A St. Louis politician was shot dead by a woman who was jealous of him, and a Topeka man was shot at three times by his wife because he was jealous of her. Jealousy is a dangerous sentiment, either way you take it, when a woman holds the gun.—Kansas City Journal.

How Would Lady Ellen Sound?

"Sir Henry Irving" has a fine sound, and none will rejoice more in this evidence of Queen Victoria's sound sense than his American admirers. Now, when will it be Lady Ellen Terry?—Philadelphia Press.

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