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The Fergus County Argus, the leading exponent of the wholesome principles of protection in central Montana, come out last week resplendent in a brand new dress.

As predicted in the MADISONIAN two weeks ago, the capital site commission "met and monkied and adjourned" until September. However we were about 30 days off in anticipating the date of their next meeting.

Attorney General Haskell has rendered a decision on the much mooted and to be deplored question of raising funds for the maintenance of public schools by which he decrees the school taxes must be levied by the county commissioners, and not by special elections in the various districts. However, over in Silver Bow County, Attorney Wines has "coppered" the decree of Henri and Silver Bow will hold special elections in consequence.

And now comes the startling news of "strained relations" as they say in diplomatic vocabulary, between Japan and the United States. It seems that just before the declaration of an armistice which preceded the signing of the treaty of peace, the Japanese authorities claimed the right to board and search American vessels, and the correspondence which ensued over this remarkable egotism came near resulting in a clash of arms between the impudent chrisanthemums and Uncle Sam, which however was averted by the conclusion of the Chinese war. What this country needs most is about twenty five years rule under men of the Jackson or Blaine stripe, to teach the world the greatness of the nation which flies the stars and stripes.

THE PARROT SMELTER.

The MADISONIAN takes great pleasure in presenting to its readers this week a brief article concerning the Parrot smelter. The article is written on information obtained from authentic sources. From it will be gleaned the welcome news that almost the whole of the improvements now under way and contemplated will be in Madison county.

It is hard to conceive the vast amount of good this splendid enterprise will do Madison county and southern Montana. The plans of the company call for even larger works than the original plant of the Anaconda Company. About this big smelter will spring a permanent town of several thousand people. This will open up a ready market for everything the farmers of the Ruby, Madison and Jefferson valleys can raise—something of which the agriculturists are sorely in need. But this will simply be one of the bi-results. The great good will come in the opening up and development of the vast mineral resources of the county. The hills of Madison county will be punctured with tunnel and shaft. Where there is one working mine now there will then be twenty-five.

The wonderful impetus that will be given to all industries will so increase the traffic that a railroad up the Jefferson and Ruby will be a matter of necessity. Such a railroad will then tap one of the richest and most productive sections—both in a mineral and an agricultural way—in the state, and prosperity will be common.

The MADISONIAN hastens to congratulate the people of Madison county upon the splendid future that begins to unfold itself before them. A well deserved reward awaits those whose faith in her resources has been unflinching for thirty years. And it ventures to hope that the sun of prosperity will long shine on the progressive spirits who are back of this splendid enterprise.

STORIES OF THE DAY.

The Indian Was Bound to Have a Conveyance of Some Sort.

An amusing story is told in connection with the recent opening of the Nez Perces Indian reservation. When the Indians of the reservation had received their money from the government, they went to the neighboring towns to spend it. Their visit was of course anticipated, and all possible schemes were on foot to relieve Uncle Sam's wards of their cash as speedily as possible. The Indians were on the buy, too, and money was no object when anything they saw took their fancy. The redskins took a notion to buy carts, wagons, buggies, etc., and in a short time every available vehicle in the little town of Farmington was in their possession.

There was one old Indian who failed to make a purchase, however, and after all the buggies were gone a desire to possess some sort of conveyance started him on a diligent search. After visiting all the places where vehicles were sold without success he finally learned of a conveyance which, from the description, completely overshadowed anything in point of elegance ever sold before and the possession of which would render all the other Indians wild with envy. He sought the owner, who proved to be the town undertaker, and opened negotiations for the purchase of the vehicle. The undertaker soon found the Indian wanted to obtain his hearse. The thought staggered him for a moment, but having an eye to business and noting the anxiety of Mr. Redskin the hearse was sold for a good round sum.

The Indian hitched two horses to the lumber vehicle, and putting his squaw and papooses on the inside trotted off for home, the proudest copperface that ever strung a bow or stole a sheep. The other Indians, hearing of his coming, had lined up along the road to watch him pass. Perched on his high seat, he drove haughtily by them, while the little papooses peered through the glass sides and clapped their hands rapturously.

The agent remonstrated with the Indian, but all to no purpose. He retained the hearse, and in his frequent visits to the surrounding towns, driving in his somewhat gloom inspiring conveyance, is no longer an object of curiosity.—San Francisco Call.

The Other Lee.

The visit of General Fitzhugh Lee has started a story which he told on himself several years ago, and which is a good illustration of the love the Confederate soldiers bore toward General Robert E. Lee. As it is well known, General Fitzhugh Lee was at the head of the cavalry, which was much envied by the infantrymen, who had to walk through the mud and dust.

After General Robert Lee had surrendered, General Fitzhugh Lee rode away from Appomattox. While riding through a lane he met an old North Carolina soldier.

"Ho, there!" cried General Lee. "Where are you going?"

"I've been off on a furlough, and am now going back to join General Bob Lee," replied the old soldier.

"You needn't go back, but can throw your gun away and return home, for Lee's surrendered."

"Lee's surrendered?"

"That's what I said," said General Lee.

"It must have been that damned Fitz Lee, then. Bob Lee would never surrender." And the soldier put on a look of contempt and walked on.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Hamlin Reminiscence.

While standing in the rotunda of the Astor House, New York, recently, Mr. C. J. Hamlin, the well known horseman, said: "The first time I came to New York was in 1841, and I rode from Buffalo to Albany on a canalboat loaded with lime. The passage was 1 cent a mile, including meals. There was a fight between the Hudson river steamboats, and I came down the river for 50 cents. I put up at a little hotel on Pearl street at a cost of 75 cents per day. I had heard much of the Astor House and walked up town to take a good look at it, and I thought it the grandest piece of architecture in the world. As I could not afford the rate, I derived some satisfaction from standing on the front steps and picking my teeth. Now the Astor has a subdued air when compared with the Waldorf, where I usually stop."—Turf, Field and Farm.

Bicycling May Revolutionize Evening Wear

"There's one thing about the bicycle craze," said a tailor. "I believe it is going to revolutionize men's attire, which has been so somber for so many years. Dress reformers have done much

for women, but men's clothing is practically the same year in and year out.

"The leaders of fashion are not as a rule robust, and the chaps who lead co-tillions have small legs. If the wheel develops their calves, as it will, I believe, the age of short clothes will return, and knee breeches for evening dress may be seen again in drawing rooms. Bloomers are popular, for a shapely woman likes folks to know it. Thin legged men have a chance to build up their calves in summer for the winter's gayety."—New York World.

He Has the Fever.

While a negro was plowing in a field in Dougherty county he unearthed several gold rings and silver spoons which had evidently been buried there during the war. That negro has ceased plowing and has gone to digging for a living.—Atlanta Constitution.

A Life For a Life.

The restoration of the death penalty in Michigan leaves Maine, Rhode Island and Wisconsin the only states where a life is not taken for a life.—Boston Herald.

Bloomers and the Law.

Some Chicago folks want to make the wearing of bloomers breaches of law.—Philadelphia Times.

A Lynching Expert.

The recent double lynching at Danville, Ills., was participated in by a man from Montana who claims to have taken part in 64 lynchings. He is probably drawing the long bow and if given rope enough may hang himself.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Freak Indeed.

The Buena Vista (Ga.) Patriot has discovered a freak indeed. It is in the shape of a negro man who lives in Marion county and who cannot be induced to eat watermelon. He has never carved a melon in his life and will not go near one.

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