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PRECINCT PRIMARIES

SOON TO BE HELD ALLOVER THE COUNTY.

To Select Delegates to the State Convention—The New Primary Law—Must be a Registration of Names and Addresses of Voters and Other Safe-guards.

The Republican state convention will be held in Butte City, May 11. The object of this first convention is the selection of six delegates and alternates to the national Republican convention which meets in St. Louis in June. Late in April or early in May a county convention of the silver-protectionists will be held in this city. Delegates to this convention will be selected in the usual manner—by caucuses or primaries. These primaries are not a great ways off. In fact they will be held within a few weeks. As these primaries are governed by a new law, a little information and some fragments of the code will not be out of place.

In the first place, after the voters assemble and are called to order by the precinct chairman, they must elect three of their number as judges and one of the judges shall set as clerk. The clerk must keep a record of all persons voting at the primary, registering their place of residence with the name of street, number and postoffice address. The judges are empowered to administer oaths and compel any challenged person to take and subscribe to an oath setting forth his qualifications to vote before allowing him to deposit his ballot. The judges must also certify the results of the primary to the proper authorities, and it will be found convenient if these certificates are made out in blank in advance as it is easier for the judges to sign them together on the night of the primary than to look each other up the next day.

In order that no primary may omit any of the necessary precautions, the law is published herewith in full. It is as follows:

Section 1. No person shall be entitled to vote at any caucus held by any political party, except he be an elector of the state and county within which such caucus, primary meeting or election is held, and a legal resident of the precinct or district within which such caucus, primary meeting or election is held, and the limits of which said precinct or district are fixed and prescribed by the regularly chosen and recognized representatives of the party issuing the call for such caucus, primary meeting or election.

Section 2. No person shall be entitled to vote at any such caucus, primary meeting or election who is not identified with the political party holding such caucus, primary meeting or election, or who does not intend to act with such party at the ensuing election, whose candidates are to be nominated at such caucus, or primary meeting.

Section 3. Three judges who shall be legal voters in the precinct where such caucus or primary meeting is held shall be chosen by the qualified voters of said precinct or district, who are present at the opening of such caucus or primary meeting, and said judges shall be empowered to administer oaths and affirmations, and they shall decide all questions relating to the qualifications of those voting or offering to vote at such caucus or primary meeting, and they shall correctly count all votes cast and certify the results of the same.

Section 4. The judges shall select one of their number, who shall act as clerk, and the clerk shall keep a true record of each and every person voting, with their residence, giving the street and number and postoffice address.

Section 5. Any qualified voter may challenge the right of any person offering to vote at such caucus or primary meeting, and in the event of such challenge the person challenged shall swear to and subscribe an oath administered by one of the judges, which oath shall be substantially as follows: "I do solemnly swear that I am a full citizen of the United States and an elector in this county and of this precinct where this primary is now being held; that I have been and now am identified with the _____ party, or that it is my intention bona fide, to act with the _____ party, and identify myself with the same at the ensuing election." If the challenged party takes the oath as above prescribed he is entitled to vote. Provided in case the person taking the oath aforesaid, shall intentionally make false answers to any questions put to him by any one of the judges concerning his right to vote at such caucus or primary meeting, he shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary for a term of not less than one year nor more than three years.

Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any judge of any caucus or primary meeting or primary election to knowingly receive the vote of any person he knows is not entitled to vote, or to fraudulently or wrongfully deposit any ballot or ballots from the ballot box of said caucus or primary election, or fraudulently or wrongfully mix any ballots with those cast at such caucus or primary election, or knowingly make any false count, canvass, statement or return of the ballots cast or vote taken at such caucus or primary election.

Section 7. No person shall, by bribery or other improper means or device, directly or indirectly, attempt to influence any elector in the casting of any ballot or interfere or hinder any voter at such caucus or primary meeting in the full and free exercise of his right of suffrage at such caucus or primary meeting.

Section 8. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this act, except as provided in section 5, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

DOCUMENTS FILED.

Instruments That Have Been Filed for Record During the Week.

W. P. Jolls and wife, deed to Henry Elling the st of ne1 of section 15 in twp. 6 south of range 1 west, Madison Co. Consideration \$350.

G. Moritz to C. Bovee, assignment lease by P. H. Gohn.

J. I. Haines, certificate of sale for Caroline McKay.

Lorine Wheeler et al, bargain and sale deed to John Lewis, an undivided interest in the Nettle quartz lode mining claim situate in Wisconsin mining district, Madison county. Consideration \$1.

Thomas Duncan notarial commission. Notices of locations: Sure Thing, White Elephant, and Stratton lodes by P. T. Brennan et al; Washington lodes by F. Scherrer; Monarch, Golden Staff, and Last Resort lodes by W. Nyhart et al; Hattie Jane lode by A. A. Jones et al; Monroe Doctrine, Copper Blossom, Home Rule, Ignis Fatuus, and Copper Market lodes by E. T. Bynum, et al; Glen lode by F. H. Gransbery; Bull of the Woods by W. Gallagher; Nellie Gray lode by Jas. Carpenter; Mustang lode by J. M. Stoker; Mary A lode by S. G. Smith et al.

Fred Feilke, contract by I. M. Jacobs et al.

U. S. of America, patent by Henry Elling.

Homestake lode, affidavit by C. A. Mapel.

THE DURRANT CASE

Status of the Case of Blanche Lamont's Murderer.

Numerous inquiries are made daily as to the status of the case of Theodore Durrant, the medical student convicted in San Francisco of the murder of Blanche Lamont. For the benefit of those who are so anxious to know what has become of the case, it may be stated that Durrant was sentenced to death, but that the sentence is stayed pending an appeal to the supreme court of California. In California, as in Montana, an appeal to the supreme court from a death sentence acts as a stay of execution. When the appeal has been decided, if it should affirm the judgment of the lower court, the prisoner has to be resented.

There is another peculiar phase of the Emmanuel church murders, according to the latest news from San Francisco. There is another murder mystery to be cleared up, the death of Minnie Williams. Durrant is charged with this crime too, and the statement has been made that he will have to be tried for it, despite the fact that he has been convicted of the other.—Miner.

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SOCIETY OF PIONEERS

SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING THEM.

Tales of the Early Settlers—In the Good Old Days When Flour Was Worth \$150 a Sack and "Spittin' Terbacker" Fifty Cents a "Chaw."

C. D. Curtis of Helena, vice president for Lewis and Clarke county of the Society of Montana Pioneers, has written a letter on early days in Montana that will be read with interest alike by the trail-blazers and newcomers. The letter was written to a Great Falls man in response to an inquiry about the society, and is as follows:

"The Society of Montana Pioneers was organized at Helena, Sept. 10, 1884. Hon. James Fergus was elected president, Gov. S. T. Hauser treasurer, and Judge Theo. Muffly secretary. About 260 old-timers, who had come from all parts of the territory to attend the meeting, signed the constitution. It was a notable gathering of intrepid men and women, many of whom whacked bulls across the plains, fought Indians, swam rivers, walked over burning sands and waded through drifting snow; who subsisted on wormy sow-belly, sour dough bread, flap-jacks and camas roots; who boiled their alkali-water coffee, and bean soup over fragrant (?) buffalo chip fires; who blazed the trails, mined the bars, and prospected the creeks in search of the 'yellow gold,' whose powers to-day is being used to ruin and crush them; whose valor, endurance and intelligence have planted a civilization and commonwealth in the grand mountains and beautiful valleys of magnificent Montana that stands the peer of the most enlightened, progressive and patriotic in the sisterhood of states, (the unwarranted statement of President Cleveland to the contrary notwithstanding).

In the mad rush for gold, religion and education were not forgotten. School houses and churches arose like magic in almost every camp and settlement. Narrow-minded bigotry and uncharitableness had no place in the hearts of the brave pioneers of lang syne. Catholic, Protestant and Jew subscribed liberally of their means to assist each other in building temples to the living God. Behold! What a lesson of brotherly love and divine charity.

"In the natural order of things, the 'old-timers' will pass over the 'Big Range,' but the society they founded will live and prosper under the fostering care of their sons and daughters, who will perpetuate in song and story the glorious achievements of their honored sires—whose exploits and sacrifices will form the most interesting pages in the history of Montana. At our annual reunions personal reminiscences of early days are related. Some tragical, some dramatic, and many ludicrous. Amusing yarns are told of the peculiarities of some of the local characters of each camp—such as Snapping Andy, Coffeepot Tom, Slippery Dick, Sailor Jack, the American Pie-Biter, Soap, Slap-Jack Johnny, Wild Goose Bill, Liver-Eating Johnson, Bummer Dan, Big Drink Jim, Yeast Powder Bill, Dirty Ike, Tin Cup Joe, Bamboo Chief, Coyote George, Hell Roaring Jack, Jimmy From Cork, Hurdy Gurdy Sam, Moon-Eyed Mike, Mush Head Bill, Sugar-Foot George, The Yaw Yaw Ditch Boys, Stuttering Johnny, Seven-up Pete, Sour Dough Tom, Callamity Jane, Fiddler Dan, Sage Hen, Whiskey Bill, Brass-Mounted Liz, Red Wagon Jim, Feather Legs, and many others, whose names I cannot now recall.

"Stories are told about the fate of the first boiled shire, stovepipe hat and umbrella attempted to be worn in Helena; Jere Sullivan's first experience at boiling rice; Parrott, Sanders and Curtis at the Methodist mourner's bench; Sanders' midnight ride to Rattlesnake ranch, to head off the notorious desperado, Jack Gallagher; Anton Holter's narrow escape from being robbed and murdered by some of the Plummer gang; Pete Roman's jokes; Kealey's jokes and Hugh McQuaid's pleasantries; Jim Gurley's adventures by flood

and field; the fun and frolic at hurdy gurdy dances, choose yer pard, swing on the corner, promenade to the bar; the wild and disastrous stampede to Sun River; the bloody (?) Indian battle at Laurin's ranch on the Stinkingwater, and the large number of prominent citizens of Virginia City who were shot in the neck; the sad story of the love-lorn poet lariat of Beaver creek; the humors of the first Kangaroo court held at Virginia City, and how victims were indicted and fined for malodorous practices; interesting comparisons are made between the prices of goods in 1862-63 and 1864 and the present time: Flour from \$30 to \$150 per sack; sugar 60 cents to \$1 a pound; bacon 75 cents to \$1.50 a pound; coffee \$1.10 to \$1.50 a pound; tea \$2.50 to \$4.00 a pound; plug tobacco \$5 to \$10 a pound; candles 75 cents to \$1 a pound; lard 65 cents a pound; syrup \$10 a gallon; butter \$1.75 to \$2 a pound; eggs \$2 per dozen; dried apples 75 cents a pound; dried currants 85 cents a pound; canned goods, corn, tomatoes, peas and beans, \$25 per case; Field's steamed oysters \$2.50 per can; navy beans 45 cents a pound; common soap 65 cents a pound; castile soap \$1.25 a pound; nails 59 cents to \$1 per pound; horse shoes 90 cents to \$1; salt \$1 to \$1.50 per pound; matches 75 cents to \$1 a box; shovels \$8 to \$10 apiece; picks \$8 to \$15 apiece; pick handles \$4 apiece; gum boots \$15 to \$25 per pair; California woolen shirt \$10 to \$12 each; shirts made at Zipp's factory, Bridge street, from \$10 to \$20 each; California blankets \$10 to \$50 a pair; Cas. pants \$10 and \$15 a pair; suit of clothes, including hat and boots \$75 to \$100; whiskey:

Boot-leg brand.....\$10 gal.
Taos Lightning..... 9 gal.
Tarantula Juice..... 8 gal.
Hatter's Rocky Mountain dew. 5 gal.
Good Bourbon or Rye.....\$10 to \$15 gal.
Dan Flowerree's Nectar..... 20 gal.

"Day board at hotel or restaurant, from \$15 to \$25 per week in advance; barbers charged 50 cents to 75 cents for shaving, \$1 for hair cutting and \$1.50 for shampoo; payment was always in clean gold dust; greenbacks were taken at half price.

"But if prices were high, wages were high also. Drifters were paid \$18 to \$20 per day; bedrock men, strippers and windlass men got from \$5 to \$12 a day; professional men were well paid. Doctors such as Steele and Glick earned at least a quarter of a million dollars apiece, but like X. Beidler, they were paid principally in thanks and promises.

"Clerks were paid according to their ability to draw custom and sell goods. Even now, surrounded by every comfort and modern convenience that wealth can buy or the heart desire, many there are who sigh for the primitive appliances, rugged health, simple wants and contentment of the old days.

"It will be interesting to many to learn that while the first recorder of Silver Creek mining district, you induced Uncle Johnny Cowan to prospect for gold on the bars of what was afterwards named 'Last Chance,' and also that the first to discover gold in the gulch was 'Gold Tom,' a hunter, and 'Tim-rock' prospector, who was 'fixed' with a squaw and 'teepee.'

"If you desire to renew old acquaintances, and enjoy the feast of reason and flow of soul, which is the principal feature of our reunions, come and join us. Our entertainments have a flavor of the camp-fire, the buffalo, the jack-rabbit, the sage hen and the mountain trout, and will remind you of old days, when the latching of every cabin door from 'Grass Hopper diggings' to 'Top O'Deep,' from 'Alder Gulch' to 'Last Chance' suggested a cordial welcome alike to 'tenderfoot,' 'pilgrim' and 'self-riser.'—Standard.

The latest in the way of excursion tickets has just been placed on sale by the Union Pacific. The going portion reads to San Diego, Cal., via Portland or Ogden, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The return reads via Southern route through Albuquerque, Deming or El Paso and Denver. The limits and stop-over privileges are similar to those allowed on regular Pacific coast tourist tickets. For rates and other information, apply to E. V. Maze, General Agent, Butte, Montana. 4-1.

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GOLD AT WHITEHALL.

Discovery of the Remains of a Porphyry Dike in the Jefferson Valley.

Saturday, March 7, a number of prominent men from Bozeman and Manhattan as guests of George Kinkel, visited the country about Whitehall, in the interests of geology and mining, says the Agricultural College Exponent. The party consisted of O. P. Chisholm, George Kinkel, Walter Hartman, Dr. L. W. Traphagen, William Cobleigh and R. B. Chisholm.

There seems to be a very interesting formation about six miles north of Whitehall consisting of gold-bearing quartz boulders, strung along in a line not very wide and extending far up the side of the mountain. These boulders have been assayed several times with a general result of about \$12 in gold to the ton. They have been estimated to amount to nearly 100,000 tons.

There has been considerable speculation among people interested in geology as to how these boulders got in their present place. Having asked Dr. Traphagen he said their probable origin was a porphyry dyke, with masses of gold-bearing quartz segregated from the porphyry after the fault had been filled with the intrusive rock. The dyke had entirely disappeared as well as the original formation in which the fault was made. The dyke material is also nearly decomposed and washed away. Higher on the side of the mountain the porphyry was more plentiful. The doctor thinks these boulders are the remains of the old porphyry dyke, the softer rock being decomposed and washed away, while the quartz masses remained behind.

The party brought back with them a number of assay samples from the boulders and surrounding country. George Kinkel has the property bonded from Mr. Honaker, and will probably commence work in the near future. The guests of Mr. Kinkel report having been royally entertained.

AFTER LENT HOP.

It Will Be Given By the Lady Maccabees, Thursday April 9.

The Ladies of the Maccabees propose to give a phantom party (sheet and pillow case) at armory hall, Thursday evening, April 9. They expect to make it a very enjoyable occasion. The committee of arrangements consists of Misses Lotta Elling, Sarah Gilbert and May Vickers. The grand March will begin at 8:30, and the dancers will unmask at 11. Those desiring costumes will be furnished some at the hall at a nominal charge. The price of tickets, including supper will be \$2.50, spectators 25 cents. The public is cordially invited.

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