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A CANDID STATEMENT.
 It is gratifying to find the Inter-Mountain rising above party in the following tribute to Senator Clark: "Should he be admitted to the senate, Montana will have in that body a man whose chief ambition will be to confirm the wisdom of the gentlemen who have elected him. Whatever else he may be, he will be a Montanian. Unless the caucus rule may restrain him he will be found a friend of silver and an advocate of a tariff on lead. While he will aim to reflect the sentiment of all the people, he will have a particularly friendly eye to the interests of Butte and the West side. There were no traitors to the side interests in the democratic legislature and no fools who allowed themselves to be used as instruments of malice against the interests of the most populous part of the state has not been ignored and insulted. What Mr. Clark will do for the west side, Major Maginnis will do for the east side, and thus all the people will be benefited should the democratic senators be seated. We do not believe they will be, but no newspaper can foretell the action of the senate, which is the sole judge of the question at issue." We hope the Inter Mountain will follow up this honorable declaration by exposing the plot to which Dolman and Bray owe their "election." It cannot do its party better service than to denounce every phase of the Silver Bow fraud.

Mr. Paris Gibson made a timely suggestion when he brought the subject of sewerage before the city council on Tuesday. The city needs a good sewerage system badly. It is needed for the public health and for the full development of the water supply. The city will never be able to turn to account the abundance of water until means are provided for carrying off the water after it has been used in baths and the like. This is a good time to begin the sewerage system. Further delay may prove costly.

The Inter-Mountain mourns for Mantle and will not be comforted. Of course Mantle's title would be unsound, but he was entitled to "recognition." It praises Senators Armington, Olds and "Representative" Roberts for their fairness in refusing to change their votes to Power. The Inter-Mountain should cheer up. Butte will have an able, efficient and zealous representative in the United States senate. Senator Clark will work for the city and likewise champion the mining industry of all Montana.

The credentials of Senators Maginnis and Clarke will be as sound as those of any member in the United States senate. They will bear the signature of Governor Toole, who as chief executive of the state has the best right and title to accredit United States senators. Unlike congressmen, they represent the state in its collective, sovereign capacity and should hold the governor's endorsement.

It would be a great gain for the city if the contract for building the dam was taken by some of our own people. The profits would then remain at home and would not doubt be reinvested in Great Falls property. In Minneapolis and other cities such work is done by home contractors. Great Falls should display like enterprise.

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THE WOOL INDUSTRY.
 The condition of the wool and woolen industry continues unsatisfactory. Both still suffer from the adverse conditions which existed last year. The past year began with large stocks of heavy wools, which were left on hand in consequence of the mild winter of 1888-89. The importations of wool and woolsens which followed were on a large scale. They exceeded in volume our entire home production. Despite the high tariff, we actually imported last year more wool than we raised at home and more woolsens than all our factories produced. Fortunately for Montana producers, the natural result of this state of things was not perceived by the buyers. They expected a scarcity and bought accordingly. The prices which they paid are higher than the average which has since ruled in the eastern markets. Owing to the speculative movement an advance of fully three cents per pound was paid. Much of this wool went to manufacturers who need it to produce goods which yielded no profit. Failures followed. As many as 77 mills failed last year with liabilities amounting to \$10,442,000.

These failures took place in New York and Pennsylvania as well as in New England, showing that the evil was not local. The failures among wool dealers were nine in number. Their debts were, however, small, the total liabilities being \$556,000. The present mild winter has served to increase the depression. It leaves manufacturers and dealers with large stocks of heavy goods which will continue to depress the market until a re-action sets in.

The distribution of the wool and woolen goods is being done by the mill-owners, who compete so sharply in the east, would come to North Montana where the raw material is produced in such abundance, they would find here a local field which would be in a measure secure from eastern depression. Such mills would be pioneers in an industry which in five years or less must attain great proportions.

FELLOWS of the Mooney type are likely to be plenty from this out. They have been acent for growing cities and express an eager desire to help them along. They devise all kind of "tricks" for new towns. One time it is a map; another time a handbook. Sometimes they soar higher and claim to represent leading journals in the east. Mooney asserted that his "paper" is paid \$125 per column and has a daily circulation of 250,000. He displayed envelopes addressed to his "paper" but was very discreet in talking of any subject that might have proved that he was not what he claimed to be. True wisdom lies in encouraging home industry alone. When a town is plucky, self-respecting and enterprising the leading journals will take care to court its favor and not ask \$125 per column for so doing. But the main reliance must be on the home journal. As the steady, persistent advocate of home interests it is the source whence actual investors derive reliable information. Local pride and self-interest are constant incentives to the home journal which the eastern journal never feels when it undertakes to "write up" western towns. Such journals are at best hired advocates, while the local paper speaks with earnestness and independence.

SENATOR VOORHEES made a vigorous attack in the United States senate on Wednesday on the corrupt system by which Dudley and others carried Indiana in 1888. Senator Edmunds tried to break the force of the assault, but had to yield to Voorhees' demand for certain correspondence which may throw light on the infamous "blocks of five" plot.

The present prices of metals are encouraging. Silver is 96 1/2 cents per ounce, copper \$14.45, and lead \$3.95 per hundred. In copper, especially, the reaction has been rapid and permanent from \$11 to which it fell after the collapse of the French syndicate.

CLARK AND MAGINNIS.
 The election of William A. Clarke and Martin Maginnis, gives general satisfaction. The legislature has simply ratified the public will. All through the campaign and since the Silver Bow plot, the people have regarded Clark and Maginnis as the men best qualified to represent Montana in the United States senate. Recent developments have confirmed this conviction, and have designated the senators just chosen as the men for the hour—the men best qualified to grapple with fraud and speak at Washington with the confidence that the people of Montana are at their back.

Major Martin Maginnis has earned the high distinction by long public service. As a soldier of the Union, as delegate in congress, as the retiring promoter of Montana's prosperity he has become endeared to the people of Montana, who without regard for party lines are proud of his ability and national reputation. He goes to Washington with a clear title and in the senate will reflect credit on the state which sent him there.

The choice of William A. Clark Clark meets with as hearty approval. He will represent fittingly the mining interests of Montana and especially the city of Butte, which is entitled to a spokesman in congress by reason of its importance as the greatest mining camp in the United States. Senator Clark will represent all Montana, as well as its mining interests. His honorable public record, his masterly ability in business affairs, and his extensive acquaintance with public men ensure that he will do credit to himself and be of service to Montana in the divided assemblage to which he is being elected.

The Inter Mountain is grieved at the renegeacy of Bray and Dolman, who opposed Mantle in the "senatorial" contest at Helena. It is certainly hard on the growler that two men who have no right to seats should trample on Mantle. But it is treachery all round. Jack betrayed the people and the Inter Mountain upheld that treachery. Now Bray and Dolman become renegades in turn.

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 According to a Washington telegram, there has never before been a contesting senatorial delegation. The senate, which is guided so much by precedents, has therefore none to go upon. It is understood, however, that when the Montana senators and claimants arrive in Washington, they will present their credentials to the vice president. Before either set is sworn, objection will be made and the credentials will be referred to the committee on privileges and elections, which is to make a full and thorough investigation. The proper course would be to admit Senators Clark and Maginnis, who, as the holders of the governor's certificate, have prima facie evidence that they were duly elected. The affair is so simple that there ought to be no delay in settling it. Col. Sanders will doubtless strive to be-fog the senators, but it will be their own fault if they do not deal first with the primary incident which was the unjust refusal of Jack and Hall to count the votes cast at precinct 34. When that is decided, as it ought to be—in favor of the voters—the framework of fraud erected by Sanders will topple over.



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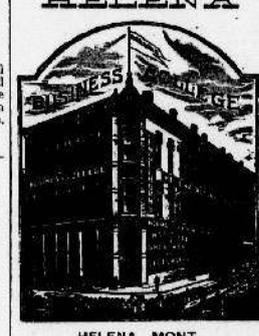
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