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SERVING TWO MASTERS.

The Rolfe says our criticism of Mr. Thompson's management of the schools was bad. This statement contains a falsehood, which is the worse by being in the name of one who cannot answer. On January 7th, S. O. Warden, the editor of the Rolfe, went east. Next morning Mr. Thompson announced that he had taken charge of the paper. On this same date it is remembered that school was dismissed on account of a break in one of the pipes of the boiler. At various times since January 7 the pedagogic editor has referred to his inexperience as an apology for the scarcity of news items. To draw on public sympathy, Mr. Thompson cites the death of Mr. Lollis as the cause of his (Thompson's) taking charge of the Rolfe, when, according to his own statements, he had been managing the paper for 18 days before that sad occurrence.

It is hard to understand why the "Prof." should be called on to do this work. Suppose the manager of any of our business houses were to go east and run the business? Does he wish to usurp the office of public administrator? Any sane person knows that a thorough conscientious teacher who does his duty has no time for outside work, and very little time for recreation. The "Prof." may be a wonderful man, but we don't believe he can properly conduct the school and edit a paper, and his resignation for one of the positions would be thankfully availed by a large number of dissatisfied patrons.

The Tribune is in favor of free public schools, but it wants to see them managed by men who have the interests of the children at heart. It does not believe in making the positions in the public schools merely sinecures for favorites and relatives. We should have as our teachers men and women who are independent, who are not afraid to call their souls their own, who are competent and experienced, if possible, but if we cannot get experienced teachers let us have a man who will devote his time to that service for which he is paid.

HELENA blows her own horn well in asking congress for a public building. She also embodies a good word for Montana, which we reproduce: "Whereas, Montana occupies an area in the United States of America equal to the states of Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, with a reputation for vast resources that few can realize in the absence of figures showing the annual production of its various industries, a population growing with each fleeting month, with such rapidity that in the course of a few years the commonwealth will have arrived at a position in the galaxy of states second to none, with 35,000,000 of agricultural lands, the greatest herds of cattle, sheep and horses in the United States, the richest mines, the largest mineral production, amounting in 1890 to \$48,000,000, the greatest mountains, a sanitation where health is declared upon every countenance and where the energies of 200,000 people, aided by eastern and foreign capital, backed by the millions of Montana, are developing the riches stored in every hill and here."

It is among the secrets of the juryroom that one of the grand jurors supposed that Foreman Ellis was a democrat. When Milligan had heard read some strictures on republican ex-officials he said that is very strong; now we must give the democrats a lick. Accordingly party spirit made itself felt and the grand jurymen "blashed" around hitting such heads as they saw fit in their final report.

SHAKESPEARE says that "gold" will "place thieves and give them title, kneel and appropriation with senators on the bench." Party spirit does the same now.

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**THE JOURNAL WINDS.**  
The Helena Journal displays very suspicious indignation in denying that it has aided and abetted one Davies in throwing doubt on titles in Helena and elsewhere. The Journal may delude the public at large by beating the gong, but there are ear marks known to the journalistic and real estate business which are unmistakable.

We assert that the Journal has been in complicity with Davies and cites as proof the following facts:  
1. It published on Sunday last on its editorial page, under the head of "Important Decisions," the "Arkansas Rulings and General Garland's opinion." As preamble it said:  
"In view of the fact that a great deal of Montana property may be affected by the rulings under which Mr. Davies acquired title to lands in Boyce addition, the ruling is given in full and the opinion of ex-Attorney General Garland."  
This article was an advertisement for Davies and a threat to property holders. It was false in declaring that Davies acquired title to lands in Boyce addition under it. We do not know what pay the Journal received, but the publication was as much an advertisement as if it had devoted a column to Smith, Jones & Co.'s groceries.

**SANDERS' COURT.**  
The decision of the supreme court will not give Sanders a clear title nor strengthen his claim in the opinion of honest men. That decision affirms that the state canvassing board had authority to issue certificates to representatives as well as to other state officers.

This so-called right might be conceded by the democrats without weakening their impregnable case. The house—the regular house—has met and organized. It is the sole judge of the qualifications of its own members. It admitted the five democratic members from Silver Bow. It cannot and will not reverse its action to admit itself to the rulings of a partisan court, which has no jurisdiction over it.

We contend and will always contend that no one can acquire a clear title to office who has not received a majority of the votes cast at an election. We hold that a title based on such a majority is sound and unimpeachable. It cannot be set aside by the president, the supreme court of the United States or any known authority. That title is so essentially just and honest that no power can rightfully nullify it. It derives its validity from the constitution and from that "higher law" based upon man's inherent sense of justice and right. No certificate can lawfully destroy its force, for the people have wisely placed the sacred right to elect representatives and state officers by a majority, above the jurisdiction of canvassing boards and supreme courts.

**A MINNEAPOLIS SENSATION.**  
Minnesota has always some great sensation. It is now all tore up about the death bed confession of a Judge Hollis, who admitted that he and a prominent physician, who has since left town, were engaged in a regular system of malpractice. The Judge shielded the doctor, who in turn divided his devilish gains with him.

The story is thus told by the Times:  
One day last fall the judge was taken suddenly ill, and while suffering from pain and delirium the terrible secret escaped him. It fell upon the ears of those around his bedside like a thunderbolt and at first they regarded it as simply the ravings of a man rendered temporarily insane by pain.

As the dying man grew worse his burden of sin seemed to weigh more heavily upon his mind, and he continually cried out that he could not stand the groans and shrieks of "Annie" any longer. He imagined himself in the room where the woman was undergoing the torture, and the dying cries of the poor creature rang in his ears until the expression on his face was frightful to witness. Then again he imagined himself standing beside the woman after she had died, died under the instruments of the physician, and his shrieks and appeals for mercy will never be forgotten by those who witnessed the awful sight.

One evening, a short time before he died, he was quite calm and asked the attendant to call several of his intimate friends, as he was afraid to go before his maker with his terrible secret dragging his soul down to perdition. The secret was gnawing at his heart, he said, and he must tell it. He knew he had but a few hours to live, he said, and he therefore wanted the persons he mentioned, summoned with all speed. They came, and there, on his deathbed, the lawyer recited the entire story, giving all the details, and stating that the person he had seen die was a girl named "Annie," who had signed the affidavit, which was to shield the physician, and had then submitted to the operation, the torture of which killed her.

Half an hour after making the confession, which seemed to ease his mind, the lawyer passed away. The confession is said, by those who heard it, to have been simply terrible, and to show that, under the guise of a respectable physician, one of the many doctors of Minneapolis had been engaged in a wholesale slaughter of the babes yet unborn, and in some cases the mothers. The persons who were present when the confession was made will, no doubt, soon be called upon to tell all that was said at the dying man's bedside.

**WHAT IS SCROFULA**  
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