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THE LEGISLATURE

Considering the fact that a large number of the members of the Eighth legislative assembly had no previous experience in legislative work, that assembly is making a remarkable record for business-like methods, prompt and conservative action and wise disposal of bills.

It is doubtful if any of the seven preceding assemblies were so far along as the Eighth at this stage of the session. Usually it is necessary to hold many night sessions of the house. Here only one has been necessary, and this with only a few days remaining.

The accepted test of a good legislature is the number of bills killed rather than the number of bills passed. This assembly has been the slaughter-house of unwise measures—all that smacked of freak legislation and the usual crop of bills that ever would be ineffective on the statute books.

The credit for the good record that has been made belongs to the republican majority, with no inconsiderable part of it going to Speaker White, a presiding officer who has won the admiration of the state for the dignity, eminent fairness and impartiality with which he has presided.

A fact which is particularly gratifying to the party in the state is the cohesiveness of the republican majority as demonstrated in these latter days of the session. On all party questions it votes as a man. Its organization has been perfected until there is not a flaw in its composition.

PRIZEFIGHT PROMOTING

The town is filled with deep and abiding disgust over the late prizefight fizzle. Whether with or without reason, the public believes it was the victim of a put-up job, and it will require a good deal of work far removed from the borderland of suspicion to convince the people of Butte that they will be justified in parting with their money to witness another of these highly moral shows.

Manager Sutton manifestly has the public with him in his proposition to rent his theater for no more of these affairs unless the promoters sign a contract, sufficiently guaranteed, to protect the public against the petty swindle of raising prices.

However, that is a matter that has about corrected itself. Once impressed with the fact that it has been swindled, and "popular prices" would fail to draw a crowd to see one of these alleged sporting exhibitions, even if it is "pulled off" under the patronage of city and county officials.

A VALUABLE WORK

No publication is issued regularly by any state in the union which is of more practical value to the people of the commonwealth than the reports of the Montana state bureau of agriculture, labor and industry. Covering the whole range of the subjects included within the scope of the bureau, and including in addition a mass of most interesting and valuable statistical and general information concerning Montana, its resources and its industries, the reports serve many purposes.

The eighth report of the bureau is just from the press, having been prepared by J. A. Ferguson, commissioner of the bureau, and L. P. Beaudet, his chief

clerk. To both of these gentlemen great credit is due for the excellence of the publication. It is a volume of 733 pages, splendidly and profusely illustrated by half-tone engravings and containing within its covers so many special articles and interesting features that to enumerate them would fill this column.

CORRUPTION IN CITIES

Cincinnati, if it has not been going backward during the past 10 years, has not made material progress. All other Ohio cities have advanced, especially Cleveland, which is now the first city in the Buckeye state. The recent disastrous fire is a serious blow to Cincinnati, from which it will be a long time in recovering.

That Cincinnati has not been going ahead in wealth and influence with other cities of the political is undoubtedly due to the corrupt political conditions that have prevailed there for many years. St. Louis is likely to be stricken with the same dry-rot from a like cause. It is said that Minneapolis already feels the bad effect upon its business interests because of the notoriety which that city has received through the corruption that ran like a foul stream through the municipal administration.

The lesson conveyed by these facts is an important one for other cities.

A HOLD-UP ECHO

The Mining Gazette of Houghton, Mich., puts it this way:

Cole, the Montana holdup, who was an accomplice in the recent raid on an express train by which \$7,500 was secured, declares he is the victim of a bunco game. It appears that, failing in making a big haul, he was determined that the enterprise should not fall without remuneration, and set about to collar the \$5,000 reward offered for his capture.

This does not take in all the interesting phases of the affair. It does not take in Cole's alleged accomplices in the ridiculous holdup. The railroad company has not yet scattered its \$5,000 among the various claimants and it will show but ordinary business prudence if it investigates the affair thoroughly before it does so. A railroad company may place itself in a position of offering a premium to enterprising train robbers by being too ready with its rewards. The Northern Pacific owes it to itself and the public to guard against this.

The Inter Mountain begs to acknowledge the receipt of a profound letter of some thousand words or more from "Young Gibbs," written in the highest style of pugilistic literary art. It is an able defense against the public accusation that he "fouled" Mr. LaFontaine in the recent so-called fistic encounter. The contract to correct the public impression in this deeply lamented affair is too large for even Mr. Gibbs. The cost per line to print this able production would necessitate his walking back to Ohio, and out of consideration for a prize fighter's prejudice against traveling otherwise than in a drawing room of a Pullman the Inter Mountain takes the liberty, with due and contrite apologies, of depositing Mr. Gibbs' Addisonian article in the waste basket.

Messrs. Warde and James gave a splendid performance last night in a sterling drama, and that their efforts were appreciated was fully attested by the large audience present and the something more than goodwill manifested toward the actors and their company. Warde and James constitute a theatrical attraction which is exactly the same in Butte as it is in New York, Chicago or San Francisco, and in this it differs from a good many others. Their present season in Butte will add to their popularity.

The fact that George Cole was today awarded a term of twenty years in the penitentiary is an indication that holding up a train isn't such a mad, merry joke after all. A few sentences like this would do much toward discouraging the gentle art of train robbery. Mr. Howard will get his valentine next.

THE PASSING THOUGHT.

Meanwhile Mr. Castro continues to look wise.

February is going out with anything but a spring-like finish.

In celebrating the birthdays of the dead, let us not overlook the lamented editor of the Commoner.

The porte has a kick coming over the interference of the powers in Macedonia—and he will get it.

Some day Mr. LaFontaine will go east of the Mississippi and go against somebody who will not fix it.

Now that the howling congress is over the Indianapolis breweries will doubtless stop running three shifts.

Roosevelt doubtless wishes to get a shot at the Montana game before the bounty-hunters have taken all the scalps.

As the twentieth round draws near it is evident to the eye that the Montana legislature has abandoned hitting in the clinches. Both sides are pretty well fagged out.

Mr. Kipling's timely poem on Chamberlain's efforts in South Africa brings to mind the fact that as a sphynx the British poet laureate has the original skinned a block.

The extreme regularity with which the sheriff of Carbon county has been gathering in all the bad men who chance his way would indicate that all is clay which comes to this Potter.

The extreme regularity with which murderers turn out to be insane is a forecast

of the day, when the penitentiary will give way to the asylum.

Not a Tillman has been put on the criminal records this month.

Mr. McGovern is doubtless filling his sleeve with mirth. He put his man out in four rounds.

Mr. Knapp has doubtless changed the popular ditty so as to read "I don't know why I choke them, but I do!"

After all, there is no reason why Aggie should not tour America on the lecture platform. He would need a press agent now to draw a corporal's guard.

They will not let poor old Chief Joseph go back to his native hills to die, but Dick Croker may come back and parade up and down Broadway like an honest man.

A Kansas City paper speaks of "Bryan's Petrified Ideas." This about hits the nail on the head. His ideas upon many public questions are remote enough from the advanced thought of today to be classed in the stone or the fossiliferous age.

The numerous curtain calls accorded Messrs. Warde and James and Miss Maxwell upon the occasion of their opening performance in Butte last night showed conclusively that the theatergoing public of Butte know a good thing when they see it.

The supreme court of Colorado has ordered City Treasurer Sours of Denver to surrender his office under the new home rule amendment to the constitution of the Centennial state. The name of the retiring city clerk and his feelings are probably akin this morning.

The kaiser's extreme anxiety to show that he is not an atheist or an agnostic is partly attributable to the fact that things have not been going his way in the reichstag lately, by any means, and that the reichstag is strongly for Christ. How great is Diana of the Ephesians!

If the Irishman slated for the place ever really succeeds Mr. Curzon will doubtless introduce the observance of St. Patrick's day into India. How funny it would be to see a procession in honor of the Hibernian saint stepping a bunch of cobras at every bushy point in the road!

The lady from the Pacific coast who writes, as an indication of the number of shots fired in the Burlington holdup, that the clothes in her trunk, which stood in the baggage car and was riddled, have 50 holes in them, does not say how many times each garment perforated had been felled.

Mr. Cleveland is in his way as mighty a hunter as the president, but you never hear of him planning expeditions after bear. He goes out after smaller game. As their respective administrations would indicate, Mr. Cleveland spent his spare time in shooting ducks; Mr. Roosevelt has spent his in calling the coal barons and inviting the powers to go "way back."

The kaiser has publicly proclaimed his faith. Mr. Roosevelt makes no protestation of Christianity, but goes about his business like a Christian man, attending church regularly and abstaining faithfully from that which is wrong. And when his enemy slaps him on the cheek, he promptly turns him around and plants a kick where it will do the most good.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Mr. D. E. Swinehart of the Big Black-foot Milling company has returned to Butte after a three weeks' business trip in the East. Mr. Swinehart says he found New York and the Eastern states in the grip of a blizzard and is glad to get back to Montana where the balm is sweet on the summer air, so to speak.

W. H. Gray of Great Falls is at the Butte.

C. S. Haire, the Helena architect, arrived from the capital last night and entered at the Thornton.

J. E. Morse, the Dillon banker and mining man, is in the city.

E. E. Mink left last night for Portland, Ore., to take charge of J. F. Forbis' large stock ranch and orchard near Portland.

Alderman Kroger has returned from Southern California where he went a month ago with his family. The latter remained in the "land of flowers."

Charles R. Leonard and Mrs. Leonard have returned from San Francisco where Mr. Leonard appeared on law business before the circuit court of appeals.

Dr. J. A. Leighton, the Boulder physician, is a Butte visitor.

E. C. Fraser, manager of the Helena establishment of Gans & Klein, is a Butte visitor.

George W. Huston of Livingston is in the city.

WHAT HAPPENED TWENTY-ONE YEARS AGO TODAY

Why Just Read These Extracts From the Files of the Inter Mountain of That Date and Be Made Wise.

The Alice company shipped four bars of bullion, valued at \$6,500.

The office of County Treasurer Welch is removed from the Caplice building to a rear room of Donnell, Clark and Larabee's.

O. J. Salisbury will hereafter receive \$4,994 a year for carrying the mail between Butte and Phillipsburg three times a week.

The Butte stock board is formally organized and a governing or executive committee appointed with full power to decide all questions arising in the conduct of the institution.

A petition is being circulated to appoint Lee Mantle successor to Postmaster W. Egbert Smith.

The Butte Minstrel club rehearsed and one lonesome spectator, after listening to the first joke sprung, donated \$5 to the club's treasury on condition the front door is unlocked.

Delegate Maginniss is in receipt of a letter from the secretary of war announcing the appropriation of \$8,000 for the erection of a soldiers and citizens' monument to commemorate the battle of "The Big Hole Pass."

Judge Wilson ejects an impertinent complainant from the police court and fires the instand at the oying form.

A colored man breaks into the house of H. C. Bodley on West Broadway and empties a wine gallon demijohn of whisky and then goes to sleep on the piano.

The sum of \$10,000 a year is appropriated by the directors of the Northern Pacific for the planting of trees along the right of way out of Butte.

Belleville, Ill., Feb. 28.—Jehu Baker, ex-minister to Venezuela and a member of congress for several terms, is seriously ill at his home in Belleville. It is feared he will not recover.

AMUSEMENTS

Warde and James.

"Francesca da Rimini," with Warde and James as the leading exemplars of its merits, was presented last evening at the Broadway theater to an appreciative audience. The revival of the renowned tragedy by the two eminent actors was a success, and the audience enthusiastically encored many of the scenes.

Both Warde and James deserve the greatest commendation for the clever way in which they rendered the roles of the hunchback and the jester. Both are suited admirably to their parts and their acting created the greatest admiration.

The support rendered by the lesser members of the Warde and James company was excellent. Norman Hackett and Teresa Maxwell deserve special mention. As Francesca Miss Maxwell is very acceptable and the work of Hackett as Paola strong.

"Francesca da Rimini" was performed at the matinee this afternoon and will be given again this evening. Tomorrow night the company will present "The Tempest."

LABOR PARTY MEET AND DECIDE UPON CONVENTION

March 12 is the Date and the Auditorium the Place Chosen to Nominate the Party Candidates.

Supporters of the labor party gathered in slender bunches about one of the designated places for primary voting on delegates and alternatives yesterday evening. In some wards there were not enough of the laborites interested to choose a list from even the voters so that, according to reports, the central committee was compelled to complete the list at the special meeting held last night in Justice Doran's office at Quartz and Montana streets.

After the lists had been completed the central committee voted to hold the convention which will nominate the labor candidates for municipal positions, in the Auditorium March 12. The candidates expected were informally discussed, but it is not given out that any slate was definitely fixed up. There is little doubt of Alderman Larry Duggan leading the slate ticket, and although there may develop some opposition the Duggan men insist that their champion objector and police investigator will win in dead march time.

BUFFALOES MEET TONIGHT

Will Have Big Time in Rooms in Pennsylvania Block.

There will be a rattle of hoofs and tossing of horns in the Pennsylvania block tonight, where the Buffaloes of Herd No. 1 will hold a stampee, otherwise known as a social session and house-warming, in honor of the opening of their new quarters in rooms 170 and 171. It will be purely a masculine entertainment, stags being welcome but deers excluded. The Big Buffalo says that there will be doings and many stunts in the musical and literary line.

The rooms have been fitted up recently and will be used merely as a social club.

After Smoot.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 28.—Mr. Wulfekeher of Leavenworth has introduced a resolution in the senate protesting against the seating of Reed Smoot of Utah in the United States senate.

February Birthstone

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Ed Mayer, jeweler, 65 West Park street, who was burned out on the morning of the 8th of February, in order to adjust the insurance, and to close out all stock preparatory to opening up as early as possible with a complete new stock, will offer his entire stock, consisting of

\$25,000 Watches, Diamonds and other Gems, Silverware, Opera Glasses and a General Line of First-Class Jewelry.

...AT AUCTION...

Starting Saturday, March 7, at 2 P. M.

There Will be Sales Daily at 2 p. m. and on Saturdays an Extra Sale at 7 p. m.

While a small portion of the stock was slightly damaged, much of it escaped with almost no defect, and a great deal in the safe was not damaged at all. Nevertheless the entire stock, "good, bad, and indifferent" will be offered to

The Highest Bidder, Without Reserve.

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A coupon will be given to every lady attending the sale, whether she buys, bids, or only looks on, entitling her to a chance in a drawing after every sale of

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