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The District Court in and for Meagher County meets First Tuesday in April and Third Monday in September.

The pay roll of the Anaconda company for June was almost \$100,000.

Senator Logan will visit Helena on his return from attending the Grand Army re-union in San Francisco.

The evidence in the anarchists' trial now being held in Chicago, is daily becoming more interesting and damaging to the prisoners.

Henry P. Henderson, of Michigan, was nominated by the President on the 20th ult. to be associate justice of the supreme court of Utah.

President Cleveland visited Albany last week, the occasion being the celebration of the incorporation of the city one hundred years ago.

Miss Cleveland's book, "The Long Run," is a failure. She should have called it The Home Run, then the sales would have been enormous.

The Inter-Mountain wants to boycott Cole's circus. The best way to do this is to slide a small boy under the tent when the proprietors are not looking.

The committee on ways and means has agreed to Mr. Morrison's resolution providing for the adjournment of congress sine die on the 28th day of the present month.

Gen. Gibson, commanding the department of the Columbia, sent a message to the Oregonian last week stating that there was not the slightest foundation for the report of Indian outrages in the Calispel country.

The service swords of Gen. Thomas F. Meagher, used while in command of the Irish brigade during the late war, have been sent as a gift to the young Ireland society of the General's native city, Waterford, Ireland.

Montana is to have a militia regiment. One thousand stand of arms are to arrive soon. This, with several useless military posts in our midst, Montana ought to be well protected, even from mosquitoes and book agents.

Henry Ward Beecher writes from London that he is amazed at the great change that has taken place in English public sentiment since his visit there a few years ago. He thinks they are more democratic to-day than we are in the United States.

Land Commissioner Sparks has weakened as to his stories of large frauds by timber cutters in Montana. If Sparks would travel through the West and Northwest a month or two, he would admit at the end of his journey that he does not know as much as he thought he did about his fellow citizens whom he has copiously besmirched with unseemly epithets.—Pioneer Press.

The act providing for a fourth judicial district in Montana has become a law, but the President as yet gives no sign of appointing a judge either for that district or the first, in which a vacancy exists. No session of the Supreme Court can hold until the new judges are nominated and report here for duty. The August session seems liable to lapse unless the President acts in the matter.—Helena Herald.

On the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread," the probable failure of congress, through disagreement between the Senate and House, will leave all the land laws as they

have been. Their disagreement is said to be irreconcilable, and principally that if fraud be discovered, the House as represented by Cobb, of Indiana, wants the patent annulled, even if it has passed into other hands, i. e., innocent purchasers. The senate hold for the old principle laid down for years that the innocent purchaser must and will be protected, and while it may be necessary to legislate to this effect, yet even were the House to succeed, we believe that the principle is so well founded that the courts would overthrow it. The old law of 1841, that all transfers of land prior to issuance of patent were null and void and would call for cancellation, was overthrown on the fact that after accepting proofs and money and the purchaser getting the Receiver's receipt that there being no fraud on the face of it, the issuance of the patent could only be clerical, and was, or could be compelled, and it was held that transfers could be lawfully made. The government fully recognized this in Agricultural College Script issued to states, and by them sold to pre-emption settlers, who, after making their proofs and placing this script on their lands received a receipt on the back of which was a blank for transfer of the property described to any one, anticipating under former administrations two to three years, and if Sparks prevents with his fraud smelling spotters, likely eternity.

The senate also wishes to preserve a portion (320 of the 640 acres) of the Desert Land act, with a proviso that the reclamation made in three years be at least \$3 per acre. Whether this means water alone, or if it includes buildings, fences and other improvements, as in other acts, we have not yet ascertained. We have cause to rejoice that Sparks in this is for the present squelched, and hope the administration is realizing that he is unfit for the important position of Land Commissioner and will have removed him ere another session of congress.

COUNTY DEBT AGREED UPON

The financial differences between Custer and Yellowstone counties, that has been in dispute and litigation since Custer county was divided, has, at last, been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned. Col. Saunders, County Attorney Goddard, County Clerk Lee and Commissioner Hoskins represented Yellowstone, and Judge Strevell and the commissioners of Custer the last named county in the final adjustment. After a thorough discussion it was agreed that the commissioners of Yellowstone county should, at their regular session in September, issue a warrant to Custer county for the sum of \$45,750 in full settlement of the claim of the latter county against Yellowstone at the time of division in 1883.

LEWISTOWN AND VICINITY

Mr. Sheldon, of Utica, was in town a couple of days last week. John Raw and son of Philbrook, were in town Thursday and Friday last.

Mrs. Dr. Hanson, who has been visiting at the post for some days, returned Saturday.

The next publication of the Amos will be a gala day for our town, when our town will have a paper of its own.

The horse race was declared off and the forfeit money was paid to the sorrel horse. It was claimed the pinto was not in condition.

Mr. & Mrs. Captain Stafford, accompanied by their daughter Jessie and Miss Whitley, of Missouri Valley, will be in town this week and will remain a month.

Bennett confirmed the high hopes of his friends in the foot race at Maginnis, Monday, and won easily. There was considerable money up on the race and the soldier's friends were left flat.

Mr. Krouse, of Willow creek and Dr. Hanson started for Willow creek across the mountains last Thursday afternoon. They lost their way and camped out for the night. Their horses broke loose before morning and ran away, leaving them afoot thirty miles from home. Being good pedestrians and walking being good, they covered the distance Friday, without food.

The republican primary meeting was held here Saturday evening at the Day House and 55 Republicans were in attendance. The meeting was called to order by T. J. Leard and J. L. Clegg was elected chairman and S. W. Darling, secretary. There was considerable sparring as there were two tickets in the field, but the list of delegates favoring Ed Noble for Sheriff, D. Breerton, for Clerk and Recorder and S. W. Darling for Attorney, by uniting their forces, carried the meeting, electing J. L. Clegg, R. W. Noble, Geo. W. Hunter, S. W. Darling and T. J. Leard, as delegates.

COTTONWOOD REPUBLICAN DELEGATES

The republican caucus held at Cottonwood, Saturday evening, July 24th, chose the following delegates to the county convention: R. H. Canine, Frank E. Smith and E. J. Brunsey; alternates, A. McCumber, A. Hopkins and J. Lewis.

LEWISTOWN PRIMARY

LEWISTOWN, M. T., July 26th, '86. ERRORS ARGUED.—The delegates to the Republican County Convention, elected at the primary in the Lewistown precinct, Saturday, July 24th, are Thomas Leard, J. S. Clegg, Dick Noble, George Hunter and S. W. Darling.

The alternates are Wm. Mediger, Peter Anderson, Marshall Jackson, George Stafford and Wm. Smyth.

PUBLIC LANDS

On the principle that "half a loaf is better than no bread," the probable failure of congress, through disagreement between the Senate and House, will leave all the land laws as they

The meeting was attended by a majority of the Republicans of the precinct, and much interest was manifested in the selection of delegates.

J. S. CLEGG, Chairman. S. W. DARLING, Sec'y.

RECEIVES NO NEW RECRUITS

The Grand Army of the Republic has this peculiarity over all other military organizations—they receive no new recruits. Other armies are kept up and augmented by constant accessions to their ranks. Young blood, vigorous muscle, new life, constantly being added, recuperate their energies and maintain their efficiency; but the crippled and way-worn veterans receive no new company, see no new faces, repeat no words of command in young comrades' ears, jog no timid boys in the discharge of unfamiliar duties. Silently they move onward, recognizing the inevitable in their march. When they drop out of ranks it is to take a rest from which no blade of bugle or roll of drum shall ever call them again. Thus they are passing away. Seventeen thousand died last year, and each succeeding year will show an ever increasing list. Let fraternity, charity and loyalty grow stronger with the hastening years, and the blessings with which the old boys fought become more precious as their faces disappear forever.—Minneapolis Messenger.

WHERE GRANT DIED

I passed several hours at Mount McGregor to-day. The Drexel cottage remains almost literally as when Gen. Grant died. There are the bed upon which the illustrious commander breathed his last, his favorite chair, his garments, including dressing gown, slippers and hat, and even his medicines, cups and the sponges with which he was wont to moisten his lips. You are shown pens with which he wrote the latter portion of his book and qualities of paper, cut in small sizes, by means of which he was wont to carry in his share of the conversation. A number of the beautiful flower pieces wrought in immortalities, sent by the friends of the General, including the huge pillow from the Philadelphia Post, are also on view. All these relics are looked upon by the visitors in solemn silence. Some of them might with propriety be removed—notably the medicines and vessels. Outside the cottage all looks calm and beautiful.—Troy Times.

DEMOCRATIC TERRITORIAL CONVENTION

The democratic territorial central committee has called the territorial convention to be held on the 24th prox. The apportionment of delegates to the convention from the several counties was made on the basis of one delegate for every 100 votes or fraction thereof, polled at the last election. This gives each county the following:

Table with columns: COUNTY, DEM. VOTE, DELEGATIONS. Rows include Beaverhead, Choteau, Custer, Dawson, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Missoula, Silver Lake, Yellowstone, Fergus, etc.

HELENA DECIDED UPON AS PLACE OF MEETING

Helena was decided upon as the place of meeting. The central committee has dealt most generously with Meagher county, allowing her representation for the total vote cast at the last election notwithstanding the fact that she loses 300 democratic votes by the creation of Fergus county.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

WHEREAS, there is no Republican party organization in the County of Fergus, Territory of Montana:

Therefore, we, the undersigned members of the Republican party in said county, would respectfully request that the Republican voters of Fergus County meet at the voting places in their respective election precincts, on the 24th day of July, 1886, to select delegates and alternates to a Republican County Convention, to be held at Lewistown, on the 14th day of August, 1886, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the several offices at the coming county election, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. If neither delegate or alternate be present no proxies will be admitted.

Each precinct will be entitled to one (1) delegate for every twenty (20) votes, or fraction thereof, cast at the last general election for Hiram Knowles for delegate to congress, to-wit:

Table with columns: PRECINCTS, DEL. Rows include Andersonville, Arnelia, Beavertail, Chamberlain, Cottonwood, Flat Willow, Forest Grove, Utica, etc.

SIGNERS OF CALL. James Fergus, E. F. Chandler, Chas. A. Young, Jake Sanford, G. A. Parrott, E. M. Clark, W. E. Vinson, W. W. Sheakley, J. C. Johnson, E. J. Barnard, Frank Martin, D. Breerton, S. W. Darling, J. T. Douglass, J. W. Hamilton, John L. Wiedeman, Wm. T. McFarland, Floyd Dwinelle, L. W. Eldridge, C. E. Richards, C. H. Williams, J. Groesbeck, A. M. Thompson, M. J. Keith, S. G. Sharpless, Frank E. Smith, Rudolf vonTobel, Jr, John W. Beck, John M. Vrooman

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

WHEREAS, There is no Democratic party organization in Fergus county, and believing that it is the sole right of the people, directly interested, to delegate such power and duties to committees,

THEREFORE, We, the undersigned citizens and taxpayers of Fergus county (to be) who believe in the principles of the Democratic party and are willing to accord a hearty support to its representatives, respectfully request that the Democratic voters of said Fergus county meet at the voting places in their respective precincts,

on the 31st day of July, 1886, and select delegates and alternates to attend a Democratic county convention to be held at Lewistown, on the 21st day of August, 1886, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the several county offices of Fergus county, to be elected at the coming November election, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it. If neither delegate or alternate be present no proxies will be allowed.

Each precinct will be entitled to one delegate to every 20 votes, or fraction thereof, cast at the election of 1884, for Joseph K. Toole, delegate to Congress, to-wit:

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All primaries will be held at 2 o'clock p. m., at the usual place of voting, or such place as may be agreed upon by majority of voters present at said voting place at the hour stated.

Table with columns: SIGNATURES, RESIDENCE. Rows include Grinnville Stuart, David Hiler, T. E. Pound, W. Berkin, D. L. Shafer, Wash. Kelly, D. N. O'Brien, C. N. Fell, H. P. Brooks, T. J. Vivian, John Toombs, Joseph Jackson, J. Holzner, D. W. Crowley, John P. Barnes, Thos. A. Gray, John Shea.

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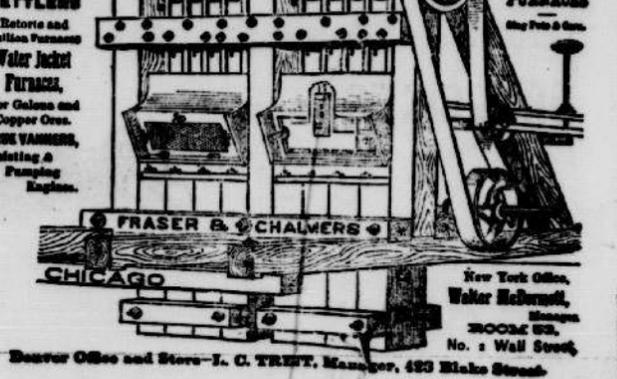
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