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Democratic Territorial Ticket.

For Delegate to Congress: J. K. TOOLE.
For District Attorney, First District: R. P. VIVION.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Councilman: F. K. ARMSTRONG.
For Legislative Assembly: Wm. H. MARTIN, J. M. ROBINSON,
For County Commissioner: G. L. DUKE.
For Sheriff: C. P. BLAKELY.
For Probate Judge: A. D. McPHERSON.
For Clerk and Recorder: M. M. BLACK.
For Treasurer: Wm. FLY.
For Assessor: T. P. McDONALD.
For Public Administrator: J. M. LINDLEY.
For Supt. Public Schools: FRANK HILL.
For Surveyor: J. M. ROBERTSON.
For Coroner: DR. FOSTER.

Republican Territorial Ticket.

For Delegate to Congress: HIRAM KNOWLES.
For District Attorney, First District: HENRY N. BLAKE.

COUNTY TICKET.

For Councilman: JOHN POTTER.
For Representatives: Wm. M. WRIGHT, GEO. R. NICHOLS, E. GOUGHNOUR.
For Treasurer: ED. F. FERRIS.
For Clerk and Recorder: JAMES GOURLEY.
For Sheriff: ANDREW J. EDSALL.
For Probate Judge: CHARLES S. HARTMAN.
For Assessor: MAT. McQUIRK.
For Commissioner: DR. Wm. TREACY.
For Public Administrator: DAVIS WILL-ON.
For Coroner: DR. R. D. ALTON.
For Surveyor: ROBT. T. GREEN.
For Supt. of Public Instruction: W. W. WYLIE.

Local Tickets.

REPUBLICAN.

Justice of the Peace: W. D. REDFIELD.
Constables: FRANK MARTIN, J. H. CORNWELL.
Road Supervisor: H. MACADAMS.

DEMOCRATIC.

Justice of the Peace: R. W. HANSON, JAMES FOWLER.
Constables: JOHN WIMETT, J. N. RYAN.
Road Supervisor: JOHN LENIHAN.

INDEPENDENT.

Justice of the Peace: M. D. KELLY.

The English parliament has been called together for the especial purpose of considering a bill to extend the franchise to a greater number of citizens of the United Kingdom, that is to reduce the property qualification still farther.

A. J. Edsall and James Gourley seem to have retired from active personal participation in the canvass. Their friends have probably advised them of the fact that the more they show themselves the less votes they will receive.

The Courier opposes the Montana constitution because the preamble refers to "the great legislator of the Universe." When any man becomes so thoroughly steeped in agnostic atheism that he cannot abide the mention of a supreme governing power, whether spiritual or merely natural, he must be in a condition very nearly akin, though opposed, to the most ignorant and illiberal religious bigotry. In choosing between a narrow-minded bigot and a pugnacious blasphemer, give us the former.

Tammany Hall held a big demonstration on Tuesday night—the biggest political show of the campaign. Twenty thousand people marched in procession and thousands more listened to the eloquence of such men as Senator Bayard, John Lee Carroll, and Congressman McAdoo. It was a convincing demonstration of the oft iterated assurance that John Kelly and his great Tammany following are solid for the national democracy. However much disseminators of republican inspiration may seek to convey the impression that Tammany is in an ambiguous or indefinable position, the fact remains and will be

proven on election day that the cohorts of that great political organization are followers of Cleveland.

In a political meeting in Brooklyn on Thursday, Henry Ward Beecher took the platform in defense of Grover Cleveland's private character, and to denounce the miserable gang of political hoodlums who have manufactured and circulated lies about him. Some time ago Mrs. Beecher sent Cleveland a number of newspaper clippings containing these poisoned arrows aimed at Cleveland's character, and asking a reply to them for the benefit of herself and her husband. Cleveland replied at length in a very feeling letter marked "private." He referred to his life in Albany and named the few places he had visited there, and those with whom he had associated. Of his life in Buffalo he referred to the esteem in which he was held there, to prove that his career had not been a disgraceful one. This letter Beecher read, and concluding said: "When in the gloomy night of my own sufferings in years gone by I sounded every depth of sorrow, I vowed if God would bring the daystar of hope to me, I would never suffer a brother, friend or neighbor to go unfriended should a like serpent seek to crush him. That oath I'll regard now because I know the bitterness of venomous lies. I will stand against the infamous lies that seek to sting to the death a man and magistrate worthy of a better fate."

It is not surprising to find that the paper (the ENTERPRISE) is rapidly losing the respect and patronage of the community in which it is published.—Courier.

Is the ENTERPRISE losing the respect and patronage of Livingston? Assuming for the moment that it is true, is it surprising? What has the ENTERPRISE done that it should be boycotted or that its friends should shrink away from it? The ENTERPRISE since its establishment has done everything in its power for the advancement of Livingston. Whatever influence the columns of a consistent, reliable, interesting newspaper may have on public opinion, has been exercised by this paper. The fact that a daily newspaper of that description is published in Livingston is known as far as the town itself is known, and that such a paper is published here has made the town known to a degree of favorable opinion that it could not otherwise have attained. So much have we done and are doing to lose the "respect and patronage" of this people. The course of the proprietors in their professional relations with other newspapers has never been such as has cast a blot on the fair fame of our town; on the contrary through such relations they have, without emolument or the hope of reward, done much to advertise this town and country. This is why they lose the respect of this community. The firm which publishes this paper has constantly paid out as much in wages and for current expenses as any business house in the town and often more; this money has (unfortunately for those who earned it) been spent in Livingston. So much to lose the respect of the town. But it would appear probable that our unpardonable sin has been one of a political nature. We have opinions and we claim the right to express them. The editor of a paper cannot afford to be a free lance at the command of every person, faction or party, mouthing the opinions of all or any who may wish publication of their views. A paper cannot advocate both sides of a disputed question, nor can it pursue a middle course, for by striving to avoid the Scylla of discussion it will fall into the Charybdis of disrespect. We have endeavored to ascertain the right side of all public questions that needed discussion in our columns, and we contend that so far as they have been settled the result has ever justified our convictions and our course. In the campaign that was opened last June by the nomination of Blaine and Logan we took the course pursued by the majority of the respectable journals of the land. We opposed them. That opposition will on November 4th be justified by the votes of Gallatin county, of Montana and, we pray God, by the United States. Is it for thus asserting our preference between two candidates, for neither of whom we could vote, that we have lost "the respect and patronage" of Livingston? On the 18th of September the democratic convention for Gallatin county was held. Its action in nominating a legislative ticket was such as we regarded as an insult to Livingston and to eastern Gallatin county, as being inimical to our interests and as unworthy of endorsement. On that point our opinion has never changed and no change of opinion has been expressed. Perhaps it

is for this course that we have lost the respect of this community. On the 25th of September the republicans of the county held a convention and made nominations. Their legislative ticket was the best they could select from the party ranks and we have found no fault with it. If it has not met with our active support it is because the conceited, self-sufficient crowd that is managing the republican campaign has expressed the hope and the desire that the ENTERPRISE should not give its support to their legislative ticket. The support of the ENTERPRISE has never been forced upon any person against expressed wishes; it may be freely given but it will never beg for acceptance. Is it because of these facts that we have ceased to command respect? We assisted in the nomination of certain candidates on the democratic ticket—men who were our first choice, whom we believe to be the best men who could have been selected for the respective offices which they seek. And we advocate the claims of those men. Mayhap by this course we are outraging public sentiment. But if we are losing ground in Livingston who is taking the ground thus vacated? The Bozeman Courier and its editor, we presume—a paper and a man who up to a very few weeks ago were the most uncompromising enemies of this town; who lied about it, ridiculed it, belittled it, fought it in every way. Does any sensible man suppose the views of that paper or its editor have changed? Surely not. Look at the paper which was scattered by hundreds of copies in this town yesterday and note its ill-concealed indignation at our opposition to Alfred Myers, the pronounced enemy of Livingston. Since the county division issue has been imported into this campaign we will state our belief that W. W. Alderson is as strongly opposed to the measure as any man can be. Notwithstanding his professions it would be as impossible for him to change his deadly opposition to this town as for a leopard to change its spots. The republicans of this town have taken him into their confidence, have constituted him their leader; they are warming in their breasts a viper that will sting them. Instead of them having Alderson harnessed to their chariot, Alderson has them in his power. Because we express such a belief, because we have pointed out the progress of the conspiracy that led to the ascendancy of this foul leader over the misguided political fledgelings who assume to lead the republicans of this town, we must needs be considered Livingston's enemy and lose "respect and patronage." If such be the temper of our friends and patrons we wish to know it quickly. Put it is not true—it is false.

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