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Forty thousand dollars is paid out monthly at Glendive by the railroad company.

Governor Crosby, the new governor of Montana, recently arrived in New York from Europe. He was at Constantinople when appointed and had no knowledge of the fact that he was mentioned in connection with the office until a telegram reached him at Brindisi. He is expected in Montana during the latter part of this month.

A man named Freeze, who lives at Froze-to-Death, has a lot of wood which he desires to sell. We advise him to keep it. He is evidently a very cold man, and he lives in a place noted for its frigidly, and if he disposes of his fuel at this time of the year it is more than likely that some of these mornings the neighbors will find Mr. Freeze, of Froze-to-Death, froze to death.—*Helena Independent.*

At Livingston recently a robber stepped out of a hotel door and secreted himself until a man he was looking for put in his appearance. After getting the drop on his man he ordered him to deliver up his money, which he did. Just as the robber was in the act of receiving the money the other fellow drew his shooting-iron on the robber, and, making him deliver up all his money, revolver, booty and everything in his possession, vanished into the sombre shades of evening.

The fire last night demonstrated the fact that this city is sadly in need of proper fire apparatus. Fortunately there was but little wind, else we should have been called upon to chronicle a much larger conflagration. We believe that last summer a subscription was raised for the purpose of buying a fire engine, but for some reason or other no further steps have been taken in the matter. Our main supply of water in case of fire must be from Tongue river, and to get that water we must have an engine and hose of sufficient power and length to bring it to any portion of this city. Doubtless a good time to collect the subscription before we are all burned out.

Attorney General Brewster has communicated to congress his views upon the inadequateness of the compensation of United States witnesses in the western states and territories. He believes that the present law causes many suits in behalf of the government to fail because of the ill-will of witnesses; and he recommends the enactment of a law providing that witnesses and jurors in California, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado and the territories be paid actual expenses while attending court, in lieu of the mileage and per diem now allowed by law. He also suggests as a remedy to overcome the complaint that a judge who presides in a district also sits in the supreme court when his decision is reversed, that either an additional judge be appointed in the territories, or that a circuit judge be appointed, as in the states.

The attorney general makes a recommendation which we hope will attract the attention of congress, to provide a law paying witnesses and jurors in United States courts throughout the territories and Pacific states their actual expenses. Such a simple matter of justice ought not to meet a moment's delay or find a single opponent. We know of nothing more essentially and scandalously unjust than the attempt to administer justice as the law now stands. The attempt to punish crime against the laws of the United States involves the perpetration of greater crimes against the private rights of innocent witnesses and jurors. He further suggests a remedy for some more independent appellate court in the territories, which is very much needed, provided our territorial condition is to continue long enough for a new system to be introduced. It would suit us better still, however, to see a bill go through at once conferring jurisdiction on all the territories save Utah.

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