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The Montana legislature never came half so near doing a wise thing as it did last Thursday, when it adjourned. It was a great stroke of common sense.

The bribery investigation in the North Dakota Senate over the lottery bill is proving a farce. So do all investigations in which the committee is made up of half of the bribed ones.

The American Building and Loan Association of Minneapolis is on top. The Attorney General refuses to take proceedings against the company, claiming insufficient grounds for the examiner's report.

Rev. Talmage has been asked if he doesn't consider himself a humbug, but he refuses to answer the question because, as he says, it isn't necessary. Whether he means by that that he is or is not, is all the same. Graham of the Waseca Radical will continue to believe that he is.

The old saying, that "a rose by any name will smell as sweet," don't hold good in politics. If Gov. Merriam was a democrat he would be the height of perfection, but being, as he is, a republican, it's different you know. The St. Peter Herald says he isn't even a man of average mind and the St. Peter Herald is rankly democratic.

That man Blair, who is urging before the United States Senate a bill to promote illiteracy in the south, ought to be termed "long winded nothingness." He can say more on a subject of that kind and prove less than any man we know of. Already he has talked so long that it is thought that the printing of his one speech alone will exhaust the government publication subsidy.

Dom Pedro, the ex-emperor, is losing his mind as well as his wealth. Downfall and sorrow has brought on the former; extravagance, with which to drown all, is the cause of the latter. Both are resulting in the ruin of a man, who was noble and who was good; who had a brain full of the dawn and a heart that went out for his people. That the latter should be at the bottom of his present grief is sad indeed.

It is a characteristic with some of our democratic state exchanges to be inconsistent. It seems as if they couldn't help it. They suit everything and all circumstances to their own ideas, regardless of consistency or principle. In one issue they will say that, since the days of Pillsbury, Minnesota hasn't had a governor with even an average mind. This requires a good deal of gall, but it would be nothing to be wondered at, considering from whence it came, if they didn't in their next, in order to prove the injustice of Merriam's action towards McGill, make the latter appear as one of the best executives in the history of the state. But that's it every time. Anything, providing it is democratic.

A good story is told on A. H. Bullis, the first democratic candidate for congress against John Lind. We have not seen it in print before and cannot vouch for its truth, but just at this time, when the papers are devoting so much space to Southern Minnesota, it comes in as a good hit. Bullis once attended a revival meeting. At the close of the sermon the reverend exhorter called on all those in the audience, who desired to go to heaven, to rise. All rose but Bullis. Stoical as an old Indian, he sat in his seat and heeded not the calling. After all had taken their seats again, the same request was given to all those, who desired to take up their abode in hell. None rose and Bullis still kept his seat. When all was over, a friend tapped him on the shoulder and said: "Say Bullis, what's the matter with you anyhow? You don't seem to care to go to either place." "Well," said Bullis, "I always had an idea that Southern Minnesota was good enough."

Throwing the taints of corruption about men, either in or out of public office, should be a matter, one would naturally think, of considerable delicacy, but that it is not always so, is too frequently evidenced by the boodle charging journals of our own state. During the past few months especially, have we had a full measure in this respect, and it is hard to see how anyone can willfully endorse it. It is revolting to begin with, whether the victim be free from the stains or not, and furthermore it is seldom called for. A higher trend, both morally and politically, and one that would be just as effectual, could be as easily pursued, with far more credit to the papers that follow it. To rescue from slander the reputation of one, who is clean, is always a service that is ennobling, but to seek to blacken the characters of others is a business which in itself reduces the person who attempts it. Why then should any paper, that professes to mould public opinion aright, fill its columns with calumny?

The Senate on Tuesday ratified the British extradition treaty. The country will no longer be a criminals' refuge.

The House Committee has reported favorably on Mr. Lind's bill, appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Mankato.

A Mr. Husher, of Minneapolis, has been given a southern consulate. Evidently Washburn has not yet had his fill.

Next Saturday the sickly green two cent stamp goes out of official use and the carmine colored letter postage takes its place. Glad of it.

The New York legislature passed the bill appropriating \$10,000,000 for the World's Fair at New York City and the Governor has also given it his signature. Now let Illinois do the same by Chicago.

A democratic congressman has this to say of Speaker Reed: Reed is a tyrant of such Czarlike mien that, to be hated, he needs but to be seen; yet seen too oft, familiar with his frame, we howl, we swear, we weep, and then sit down.

A long and unnecessarily delayed compromise has at length been reached in the Iowa House and the members have got so far as to elect officers. They are pretty well divided between the two opposing parties, but through the leading committees the Republicans expect to control legislation.

You may talk about boodle in Minnesota, but if Senator-elect Sanders, of Montana, is to be believed, our own state don't begin to hold a candle to his. The enormous sum of \$300,000 is what he solemnly lays down as the cost to the democrats of the recent election, and he holds that his statement cannot be disputed. If, as he says, it is true, what an awful beginning for a new state, Montana's really is!

The executive committee of the State Republican league met at Minneapolis Thursday. Delegates were elected to the national convention as follows; At large, W. E. Lee and W. H. Eustis; First district, W. A. Sperry and J. A. Tawney; Second district, F. A. Day and L. P. Hunt; Third district, H. S. Branham and J. P. Heatwole; Fourth, A. C. Haugen and G. N. Nelson; Fifth, S. F. Wadhams and C. J. Gundleson.

Calvin Brice, senator elect from Ohio but a resident of New York, has been ordered to appear before the Allen, Ohio, county court, and give reason why he should not pay tax on personal property valued at \$2,800,000. The taxes claimed, together with penalty, amount to \$733,500 and, as an exchange says, Brice will have lots of fun before he gets safely seated in his senatorial seat. Keeping up a residence in two states for two distinct purposes don't always work for the best to a man's pocket.

The following from the Hastings Gazette shows how the big men succeed in making such interesting speeches. It is almost as bad as the Depew affair: It is an open secret that Gov. E. W. Durant, of Stillwater, has written an eloquent oration for D. H. Moon, vice president of the state agricultural society which the latter is industriously committing to memory prior to the approaching fair. At a private rehearsal last Thursday afternoon remarkable progress was developed, and the managers are contemplating a suspension of the free list on the day of its delivery.

Congressman Lind's bill for redistricting the state for federal judiciary purposes passed the national house on Wednesday. That it will pass the senate as well goes without much doubt, and, if this should prove true, Mr. Lind will have won for himself a well earned and creditable victory. The bill provides for six sub-divisions in the U. S. District Court with terms to be held at Mankato, Winona, Duluth, Fergus Falls, St. Paul and Minneapolis. The plan entails less expense and will give more general satisfaction throughout all portions of the state than any other that has been proposed, and, if our senators can for once let their greed to get everything for the Twins go unsatisfied, the bill will receive a solid support.

Senator Sawyer, of Wisconsin, has introduced a bill in the Senate, which makes it a violation of the law to use the mails for the purpose of distributing the advertisements or circulars of any lottery concern, and empowers the postmaster at any town to stamp letters, addressed in reply to such circulars, as fraudulent, and return them. The law is good enough as far as it goes, but the lottery people will be sharp enough to get around it. It will be easy enough for them to secure an agent in one of the banks to do their business for them, as they are doing to some extent at present, and the law except in miner cases will prove a dead letter. It is really a poor way to get at the great vice. A much better course would be found in tackling the lottery itself; prevent it from doing business.

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