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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1901.

AN EDITOR has a great deal of respect for the man who pays his subscription in advance. If you want our good opinion just drop in and leave us that \$2 bill for a year's CHRONICLE.

LAST Saturday Governor Joseph K. Toole sent his first veto message to the legislature. It referred to house bill No. 18, introduced by Representative McIntyre, of Flathead, providing for the repeal of the law which says that two thirds of the pensions of inmates of the soldiers' home shall be retained by the home. An old soldier never did have an even break with a democratic official anyway, and Governor Toole has not proven himself an exception to the rule.

By reference to the latest available official statistics of the strength of the armies of other nations it appears that even at its maximum strength of 100,000 the army of the United States will be a pigmy in comparison with the military forces of the principal European powers. Italy's army numbers 211,906; England's, 254,000; Austria's, 265,608; Germany's, 479,229; France's, 579,519, and Russia's 883,146. These figures should make the anti-militarists ashamed of themselves.

What about the statute relating to prize fighting in Montana? Does Governor Toole propose that it become a dead letter? Recently in Helena a fight was pulled off, and Tuesday night Kid McCarthy and Tom Moriarity fought a draw at Wakerville, a small town near Butte. The governors of Ohio and Illinois have shown very emphatically that they will not allow these disgraceful and brutal contests to be pulled off in their respective states, and Governor Toole has intimated that they will not be allowed in Montana, but he seems to lack the necessary backbone to put a stop to them.

The hatchet has been conspicuous three in our history—1, as a tomahawk in the hands of the Indians; 2, in the hands of George Washington, operating on cherry trees against the protest of a sire and of the woodpeckers and robins thus balked of fruit; and, 3, in the hands of Carrie D. Nation in Kansas. The Indians socked it into the heads, George into fruit trees, and Carrie into glassware, mirrors, wet bars, kegs and barrels. The Indian was vicious, George was mischievous, and Carrie crazy. Her mother was sent to an asylum in Nevada, Mo., November 3, 1890, fancying she was Queen Victoria. She died crazy three years later. A brother and sister of hers were also insane, and her grandmother, uncle and aunt had unsound minds, the family record shows. Her announcement that she will extend her crusade to the whole world shows that she is off her balance. Her pastor, Alfred Pease, has gone crazy lately. He too issued with a hatchet and slashed, but was jailed.

The Washington Star declares that Mr. Bryan's paper is a disappointment to many of his admirers. His "Cross of Gold" inspiration was a rhetorical triumph. But one metaphor cannot make a literary genius any more than one swallow can make summer or satisfy a hobo.

The old-fashioned spelling schools are being revived in some localities. This is a move in the right direction. Orthography is a study that of late years has been relegated to a place of minor importance, to make room for the classical studies of doubtful utility to the average person. The effect of this was demonstrated in recent examinations at a certain college, where of those who failed to pass the majority failed on spelling.

IN THE educational system of Montana we have what might be called three steps, the common school, the high school and the state university. In our county we have our excellent common school system. At Missoula we have a university of high standing. But how can the ambitious pupils of this county reach that institution? We may graduate them from the common school, but without the high school training they cannot enter the university. It is a sad fact there is not a school in the county authorized to prepare a pupil for our state university. Can't something be done to supply this missing link? Why not establish in this county a high school, as other counties have done? An institution of this kind would be a credit to our county.

THE CHRONICLE is in receipt of many letters from horsemen of the county asking about the brands on the seven carloads of horses shipped to Sioux City last November by the gang of Shelby rustlers. Inquiry at the office of the sheriff reveals the fact that the Montana stock association claims to have its inspector in Sioux City trying to trace up the horses in this shipment and that they either have no information, or decline to make public the information they have concerning their ownership and disposition. The stock men of Teton county are entitled to more consideration than this at the hands of the officers of this association, and unless the desired information is furnished within a very short time, Mr. Preuit, the secretary, is liable bear something drop in his office, and drop awful hard.

### Mrs. S. Y. Penrod Dead.

Mrs. S. Y. Penrod, well and favorably known in Choteau, died last Monday at her late residence, 712 T Park alley, Butte. Mr. and Mrs. Penrod were residents of Choteau, for seven years, but moved from here to Butte last year. Mrs. Penrod was the mother of two children, a little boy about 8 years and a girl 5 years old, who, besides the husband, survive her. She was held in high esteem by her former neighbors and friends here, who greatly regret to learn of her demise.

### Extra Session of Congress.

Washington, Feb. 22.—The president today issued a proclamation calling for a special session of the senate for executive purposes, immediately upon the dissolution of the present congress, March 4.

### "Mirth and Mystery."

The Ladies Industrial society has a date for March 15th, at which time a "Mirth and Mystery" entertainment will be given at the town hall. An interesting program will be rendered by the best home talent, after which the ladies will serve refreshments.

### Following are the committees:

Program—Mrs. C. Cooper, Mrs. C. McDonald, Mrs. Dr. Stearns, Mrs. Erickson and Miss Ralston.

Reception—Mesdames Burd, Taylor, Coffey and Smith.

Refreshments—Mesdames Bair, Burton, Moore, Cole and Dunlap.

Door—Mesdames Brown and Beaupre.

An admission fee, of 25 cents will be charged for adults and 10 cents for children.

### District Court.

At the next session of the district court for the Eleventh district which convenes at Choteau, March 11th, 1901, the following criminal cases will be set for trial: William Farrell, grand larceny; D. P. Smith, murder, second degree; Percy DeWolfe, Alfred Gardner, Dan McGillis, Joseph DeSchon, James R. Stevenson, John Sullivan, John F. Hughes, George Jacobson grand larceny.

### Wool Prices Depressed.

Boston, Feb. 22.—More speculators are throwing wool overboard. The banks in the west are weakening, wool having dropped below their advances. The most noted sale this week was a lot of a thousand bales of choice Geelong Australian at last week's rates, or 67 cents for 70s quality. The new American clip has opened at Phoenix, Ariz, on a basis of 10 to 15c to the grower as against 16 to 17c last year.

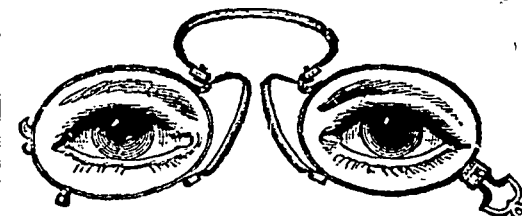
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Dated Choteau, Mont., January 23d, 1901.  
JAMES H. DUNLAP,  
Administrator of the estate of James Grady, deceased.  
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