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The courts have decided that refusing to take newspapers and periodicals from the postoffice is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

Gov. TOOLE has issued a call for an irrigation congress to meet in Helena on Thursday, January 7, 1892, at 12 m

PROBABLY the best opportunity ever offered in any town to buy real estate will take place in Choteau, on Wednesday, December 22; when 292 town lots will be sold by A. B. Hamilton, administrator of the estate of the late Rosa Hazlett.

STATE veterinarian, Dr. Holloway, is quoted as saying that the exceptional good health of cattle in Montana is largely due to the examinations made of Texas cattle brought into the state from March to November, and that the sheep industry will finally drive the cattle business out of the state.

IF THE remonetization of silver as a full legal tender money is ever to be accomplished, says Secretary Foster, it can only be done by the actions of the nations of sufficient commercial importance to maintain some fixed rate in the coinage between gold and silver. The new silver act is an important step in that direction.

THE effect of recent railroad legislation upon finances, according to Mr. Thad ay, of Yale, has caused a shrinkage of values in systems west of Chicago, of \$60,000,000, or more than 25 per cent. of the par value of their stocks. A loss of one per cent in interests on railroad securities means a fall in the capital valuations greater than the whole wheat and cotton crops of the country.

THE boards of county commissioners of the counties named below have been requested by Gov. Toole to appoint delegates at their December meeting to attend the Irrigation Congress which is to be held at Helena next January. Following is the apportionment

which is based upon two delegates to each three hundred votes: Beaverhead, 6; Choteau, 10; Custer, 4; Dawson, 2; Deer Lodge, 28; Fergus, 6; Gallatin, 3; Lewis and Clark, 26; Meagher, 8; Missoula, 22; Madison, 8; Park, 10; Silver Bow, 40; Yellowstone, 5; 185 in all.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATIONS.

By President Harrison and Governor J. K. Toole.

The following was issued last Friday afternoon by the president of the United States:

A PROCLAMATION.

It is a very glad incident of marvelous prosperity which has crowned the year now drawing to a close, that its helpful and reassuring touch has been felt by all of our people. It has been as wide as our country and so special that every home has felt its comforting influence. It is too great to be the work of man's power, and too particular to be the device of his mind. To God, the beneficent and all-wise, who makes the labors of men to be fruitful, redeems their losses by His grace and the measure of whose giving is as much beyond the thoughts of man as it is beyond his deserts, the praise and gratitude of the people of this favored nation are justly due. Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November, to be a day of joyful thanksgiving to God for the bounties of His providence, for the peace in which we are permitted to enjoy them, and for the preservation of those institutions of civil and religious liberty which he gave our fathers wisdom to devise and establish and courage to preserve. Among the appropriate observances of the day are rest from toil, worship in public congregation, renewal of family ties about our American firesides and thoughtful helpfulness toward those who suffer a lack of body or of spirit.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-One, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

(Signed)

BENJAMIN HARRISON,
President.

By JAMES G. BLAINE,
Secretary of State.

BY THE GOVERNOR.

On Saturday last Governor Toole issued the following:

The second year of statehood has filled the full measure of prophecy. From every source comes the glad news of prosperity and contentment. Every business

interest has increased with the years. Mines and mills are in full blast. Stock and range are prepared to challenge the winter. Agriculture, made certain of maturity and prolific of yield by irrigation, is opening a new field for capital and labor. Our people are generally employed and government is felt, if at all, most in its benefits and least in its restraints. These are ample to demand our recognition of divine favor and to call for a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Now, therefore, I, Joseph K. Toole, governor of Montana, do accordingly appoint as such, Thursday, November 26, A. D., 1891. On that day let business be suspended and give to the great heart of humanity a chance to do good.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the state to be affixed. Done at the capital, this fourteenth day of November, A. D., 1891

[SEAL] JOSEPH K. TOOLE.

By the governor:

L. ROTWIT, Secretary of State.

Decrease of British Trade.

[Inter Mountain.]

The London News this morning has an article, so to day's cable states, to the effect that the trade of Great Britain with the United States has fallen off twenty per cent. According to the report of the board of trade. This decrease the News adds "may be fairly attributed to the McKinley bill." This admission is pregnant with significance to the people of the United States. It means simply that the American people are sending four dollars abroad for goods where they used to send five, and that this difference of twenty per cent. in the amount of money expended goes into American pockets instead of English pockets, is paid out for American labor instead of English labor, for American goods instead of English goods. Such is the result of the operation of the McKinley bill and it is doubly a matter of congratulation because with the restriction of British trade competition in this country there is no increase in prices. In fact the cost of living under the McKinley bill is lower than it was before. No free trade orator or organ can deny that proposition without lying. The news from London to-day is another nail in the free trade and low wages coffin.

Mineral Land Commissioner.

[Madisonian.]

Our Montana republican contemporaries are going after Major Maginnis because he is making a few speeches in the east, in behalf of free trade, free silver, and free democracy, while he is drawing a salary from this state as mineral land commissioner. The Ma-

gor is only doing what public office holders have done from time immemorial, and as we have always looked upon the office which he holds as one that should never have been created, and upon its creation as an intentional and direct insult to our senators and representatives in congress, we don't care how many free trade speeches the distinguished major makes. His office was created more to give the governor an opportunity to throw a little "sop" to party adherents, than for any benefit that could accrue to the public from it. But since we come to think of it, isn't the major's indorsement of Cleveland for the democratic nomination next year, a little out of tune with his great speech in favor of free coinage, before the Omaha congress?

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November 11, 1891.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver, at Helena, Montana, on December 30, 1891, v z:

GEORGE D. JOHNSON.

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 10573 for the S-2 NE-4, section 21, and S-2 NW-4, section 22, township 20 north, range 5 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: William J. Bugasun, Amos C. Leming, Philip A. Manix and William D. Wheeler, all of Augusta, Montana.

S. A. SWICETT, Register

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WILLIAM R. KLINGSMITH,

who made pre-emption declaratory statement No. 10010 for the W-2 NW-4, and W-2 SW-4, section 8, township 24 north, range 5 west.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John A. Kennedy, James C. Emerson, John W. Hamilton and Thomas E. Williamson, all of Choteau, Montana.

S. A. SWICETT, Register.

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