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THERE is more talk, fuss and feathers about that little Box Elder tree than there ever was about Washington's favorite cherry tree, and no wonder. The little cherry tree was thoughtlessly demolished by a noble boy who who couldn't tell a lie. The Box Elder precinct was deliberately thrown out to the Choteau coyotes by designing, full grown men, who could, but wouldn't, tell the truth—who imagine that it is more praiseworthy to engage in disreputable trickery than it is to live straight forward, honest and upright lives. Some men are born mean, others achieve meanness, while a few have boodlè and meanness thrust upon them.—Bozeman Courier.

"THE PEOPLE" says: Hon. A. F. Bray, the popular populist, will place the name of Mr. Samuel Mulville in nomination for United States senator from Montana. If there is no possibility of Mulville's election Mr. Bray and the other populist members will support a candidate who is both a radical free silver man and a stanch protectionist.

MAJ R SIMONS, Indian agent at Fort Belknap, who was wounded in the leg recently while attempting to quell a disturbance among the Indians, has since died from the effects of the wound. The remains were taken to Helena for interment. The funeral services took place from the Merchants Hotel on last Sunday afternoon.

THE News—in the event of the populist's holding the balance of power in the legislature—nominates Miss Ella L. Knowles as their candidate for United States senator. In point of ability—she would be head and shoulders above half of the members now in the yankee house of lords.—Great Falls News.

CAUSE OF DEMOCRATIC VICTORY.

The Helena Independent probably gives the best solution yet advanced of the cause which resulted so disastrously to the republicans last November. Though speaking of the French, the Independent's remarks are as applicable to the action of the American people at the last election as though especially made of them:

An interesting theory has been advanced concerning the causes of the threatening disturbance of the French mind. It has been seriously reasoned that the agitation which is so general and for which no very good explanation has been given, is really a mental disease. It is generally a season of public scandal and of trouble in government affairs, but these do not explain the discontent which seems to exist among the people at large. It is not due to the lack of prosperity in general for the French peasants are among the most prosperous in the world. The theory, therefore, that this uncertain feeling is but another phase of that sentiment which has started revolutions in France at very short notice and without cause is certainly worth studying.

A mind diseased is never pleased, and that it what ailed a great many of the qualified (?) electors of the United States on the 8th day of last November. Surely it was not due to a lack of prosperity for the Americans are the most prosperous people in the world.

The cause of the disease which gave the democracy the victory, is not hard to find. It is the same here as in France, and anyone at all acquainted with the people of the two countries can at once see that they have simply become surfeited on the good things of this life and a morbid longing for a change has set in in consequence. A very large per centage of the human family is as unable to stand prosperity as is the remainder to submit to adversity. When the surfeited and those who have nothing to lose and everything to gain unite, trouble begins.

The great misfortune of all governments of the people is that there is always someone only too willing to take advantage of these weaknesses of those to be governed and by that means foist themselves into power.

The Independent's account is correct.

THE Great Falls Leader speaking of the formation of Teton county by the coming legislature has this to say: "Choteau county contains about as much land as Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island and one state of these four has fourteen counties. Choteau county is large enough to make four counties right away. They contain respectively, according to an atlas before us, 9,565, 9,305, 2,050, and 1,250 square miles, or a total of 22,170 square miles, less than the area of Choteau county. It would be much better for Fort Benton to have this division. We can speak as a taxpayer of that city. In our estimation it would decrease taxes and not increase them. Not a witness can go from Dupuyer to the county seat except by traveling 100 miles. A murder case at

Dupuyer would cost Choteau county thousands of dollars. In order to get to the county seat people from Robare and Dupuyer have to come to Great Falls passing through another county.

"Let at least three counties be made out of Choteau county and then they would be too large. The best thing for the legislature to do would be to divide both Choteau and Dawson counties this session and to appoint a commission to divide all the large counties in the state into suitable districts attached to the old counties for the present for all practical purposes but to be set off as separate counties whenever they have a certain valuation and population.

THE citizens of Helena have arranged to give an inaugural ball next Tuesday evening in honor of Gov. Elect Rickards. Wonder if His Honor will participate in the dance? Hardly.

If a nation were built of adamant, Free Trade would grind it to dust.—Napoleon Bonaparte.

CHOLERA is still raging in Hamburg and in some parts of Russia.

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