

SENATOR GRUWELL voted a week ago today for George Washington for U. S. senator. This was intended to be funny but it wasn't. It was very silly.

The house bill appropriating \$75,000 for a Montana exhibit at the St. Louis exposition was killed in just one minute after its introduction.

IGNORING the pronunciation it may be said that the Spanish machete is not nearly so effective a weapon of destruction as Mrs. Nation's hatchet.

If the fusion legislature intends to elect another U. S. senator at this session it had better pull itself together and get to work p. d. q.—or words to that effect.

THE Cubans threaten to fight the United States unless they are permitted to have their own way entirely. Said the ant to the elephant, "who are you shovin'."

The bill legalizing the practice of osteopathy has passed both houses of the legislature. This is what might be expected of the Montana fusion legislature. Osteopathy is a delusion and a fraud.

THOMAS A. EDISON has invented a new storage system by which the weight of the batteries is reduced more than one-half. Electrical power will thus become practicable for propelling traction and automobile vehicles.

The national congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution that met in Washington last week elected Mrs. C. W. Fairbanks, wife of Senator Fairbanks of Indiana, president-general. Among the state regents chosen was Mrs. D. G. Brown of Montana.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has issued a proclamation convening the senate in executive session at 12 o'clock on the 4th day of March to act on appointments to be made or to consider any other business that may properly come before an executive session.

ACCORDING to the returns canvassed last fall J. L. Neilhart was elected county commissioner of Cascade county over Lewis Roalswick by four majority. The latter however instituted a contest which has just been decided by Judge Leslie after a recount of the ballots. Roalswick won his contest by 10 votes.

THE pressure for time is so great that both houses of congress will continue in session all day Sunday and probably nearly all Sunday night. To save all question of legality as well as of propriety the senate and house will not adjourn Saturday but will take a "recess;" these recesses will be made from time to time till Monday noon, all bearing date as of Saturday. The fifty-seventh congress begins at 12 m. March 4th, though it will not probably be in session till the regular date next December.

REV. C. M. SWEEDON of Topeka, Kansas, author of "In His Footsteps," and who believes that newspapers should be run as Jesus would run them were He on earth, and that everything should in fact be done as He would have us do it is outspoken against Mrs. Nation's methods. He doesn't believe in her acts of rowdiness in smashing saloons, in snatching cigars out of the mouths of gentlemen in street cars or on the sidewalks or that it is necessary for a woman to go with dirty face and hands and slovenly dress in order to rebuke ladies for their "vanity" in being neat, tidy and tastefully dressed.

"COAL is only stored up sunshine," says Edison, "and the rays that fall upon the earth's surface to-day are as full of power as ever they were."

THE Helena Record seems to think E. Benj. Andrews is still a citizen of Chicago. However, Prof. Andrews is a citizen of Lincoln, Nebraska, and is at the head of the Nebraska state university.

THE Tennessee and Wisconsin legislatures have passed laws absolutely prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in those states. And now Illinois is agitating the same question and seemingly is asking for the same radical legislation.

JOHN W. TATTAN has been appointed judge of the new twelfth judicial district by Governor Toole. The district consists of Choteau and Valley counties. Tattan was defeated by Judge Cheadle last November in the district comprising the counties of Fergus, Choteau and Valley. He will again be scooped out of sight whenever the people can get a show at him.

ONE more murder, or probable murder, is reported from Kansas during the past week as a result of Nationizing the whisky business in that state. This time it was one of the raiders who at the same time was resisting an officer who was shot. How many more murders will have to take place in Kansas before the lawless elements shall be put down?

IT turns out that the 20 masked men who wrecked the saloon at Milwood, Kansas, and killed Mrs. Hudson by blowing the top of her head off with a shot gun, were not temperance fanatics at all but drinking men who had a grudge against the joint-keeper and took advantage of Mrs. Nation's saloon smashing methods to seek vengeance on their enemy. But if Mrs. Nation had not inaugurated those lawless raids Mrs. Hudson would not have been murdered. Mrs. Nation is as much responsible for that murder as though she had fired the fatal shot.

MAJOR H. E. ALVORD, chief of the dairy division of the U. S. department of agriculture, says in his report: "I hesitate to give the total butter production of the United States. I can only give round numbers and the figures are prodigious. Last year I estimated that this country produced during 1899 1,300,000,000 pounds of butter, worth on an average about 17 cents a pound. That made the total value of the tub fruit no less than \$225,000,000. No nation produces so much butter as we do. The 1,300,000,000 pounds of butter represent approximately the product of 10,000,000 cows. Then we consumed or sent to market in 1899 about 300,000,000 pounds of cheese, worth \$25,000,000. That is equivalent to the product of 1,000,000 cows in the United States. There were probably 17,000,000 hogs in 1899, which means that 6,000,000 animals were, in effect, if not in fact, reserved for the nation's milk supply."

THEY now have a revivalist in Butte who is said to follow Sam Jones as nearly as possible. The young man may be judged by the titles of four lectures he is to deliver during the time he holds revival meetings in Butte. They are: "The Divine Origin of Scriptures"; "General Cursedness"; "The Devil's Boomerangs Up-to-Date"; and "The Twentieth Century Woman." Knowing what we do of the man it is safe to say he ridicules the new woman and exalts the old-fashioned woman who was and is little better than a slave. So this preacher has one decent subject out of four for his "lectures." It will not be forgotten that there has been a great deal of distress and anxiety among the leading churchmen during the past year or two on account of the falling off in church membership. They cannot understand why it is. How would it do for them to inaugurate a reform among their preachers and relegate every coarse boor and ignorant swashbuckler to the rear and see if there is not an improvement at once?

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MINNESOTA is the best butter producing region in the world. This state took more prizes than any other state over in Paris and obtained the gold medal in competition with the world. The Danes were first in the uniform quality of their butter but the Minnesotans took first prize for the best butter.

THE BUTTE TIMES is furious against the laborites who are proposing to put up a labor ticket at the approaching city election in Butte. The Times calls these men and their schemes by all the vile names it can lay its pen to. It calls these men "Butte wreckers, highbinders and pillagers, scheming crabs, vermin, dynamiters, agitators and disturbers, boycotters and stranglers." It declares they intend to "put on the black mask of villainous deviltry and make of Butte a singing hell on earth." It says no mayor except W. M. Thompson has ever "dared to interfere with them in their hellish career of crime." "They blind their faces," says the Times, "with masks as the Kluklux of the south are in the habit of doing and escort anybody who is distasteful to them out and over the divide, notifying them to never let their faces be seen in Butte again." Should the labor men put up a full ticket, as they propose there will be a battle royal when election day comes around.

Change To Carter.

Tuesday the republican members of the legislature changed their votes from Mantle to Carter. There was perhaps no particular significance in this action of the republicans beyond showing their continued loyalty to Senator Carter and their condemnation of the treacherous Herald. That paper had recently published a rumor that Salt Lake City was making an effort to have the office of collector of internal revenue for Utah, Idaho and Montana transferred from Helena to that city. The Herald then made up a story out of whole cloth to the effect that Senator Carter had not done a thing to prevent the removal of the collector's office to Salt Lake but that he really favors such removal. It is such dirty work as this doubtless that makes the republican members of the legislature stick all the closer to Senator Carter.

The Cuban Question.

The senate committee on relations with Cuba have proposed the following amendments to the army appropriation bill:

"That the United States shall have supervision of all treaties with foreign countries made by the republic of Cuba. That Cuba shall not undertake to pay the debt incurred by Spain in her war with Cuba prior to or after the intervention of the United States.

That Cuba shall agree either to lease or to sell to the United States such coaling or naval stations that, in the opinion of the president of the United States may be necessary to the protection of the interests of this country.

That the United States shall have sufficient supervision of the laws of Cuba relating to sanitation to protect this country from epidemics liable to originate there.

It is understood that a draft of the constitution containing these provisions was submitted to the president and the secretary of war and that they expressed approval of them. The minority members of the committee expressed themselves as willing to come to an understanding upon these general lines."

Should the Cuban question be settled in accordance with these conditions there will be no extra session of congress; otherwise, that body will soon be convened to take action on the Cuban, Philippine and other important questions.

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BURTON AND FARMINGTON DISPATCHES

The bench hay-shippers have been busy this winter, but the season is practically over.

Miss Ethel West is home for a few weeks and her many friends are glad to welcome her.

Ally and Perry West went to Choteau Sunday to attend Sunday School.

Miss Hattie Franklin has been spending a few weeks in Choteau, but is home this week nursing a slight attack of grip.

Iver Johnson has lumber on the grounds for a fine residence.

Wheeler Cole, teacher of No. 5, has been sick the past week and Mrs. Phil I. Cole has been teaching in his place. There was no school Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Will O'Neil and wife, nee Miss Kate Drinkwine, have gone to housekeeping in the Falls. We were in hopes they would make their home on Burton bench.

Mrs. Perry, sister of F. A. West, who is visiting her brother, is a prominent Rebekeh from Minnesota.

The Ladies Aid and young people will give a "Koon" social at the Burton school house on Saturday evening, March 9th. The program will consist of genuine "Koon" and jubilee songs and choruses, with recitations and dialogues of the latest minstrel style. Lunch will be served at close of program and a general social time will follow. All are cordially invited to attend. Program and supper 25c. Do not forget the date, March 9.

Rex.

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Court Cases.

The docket of the district court is not yet made up but the following cases will come up for trial:

CIVIL CASES.

Montana Land & Water Co., vs. Farmers Co-operative Canal Co., et al.

Geo. McL. Peppard, road supervisor, vs. Teton County. Suit for labor performed for county.

CRIMINAL CASES.

State of Montana, vs. D. P. Smith; murder.

State of Montana, vs. Alfred Gardner; grand larceny.

State of Montana, vs. Percy DeWolfe; grand larceny.

State of Montana, vs. Dan McGillis; grand larceny.

State of Montana vs. Joseph Deschon; grand larceny.

State of Montana vs. Cuthbert McGillis; grand larceny.

State of Montana vs. Jas. R. Stevenson; grand larceny.

State of Montana vs. John Sullivan; grand larceny.

State of Montana vs. Geo. Jacobson; grand larceny.

State of Montana vs. John F. Hughes; grand larceny.

Oregon Deadlock Broken.

At the very last hour of the session of the Oregon legislature Saturday night last John H. Mitchell was chosen senator to succeed Senator McBride. On the 53rd ballot and the 25th for the day Mitchell received 46 votes, 11 of which were democrats.

John H. Mitchell had been three times previously elected and had served 18 years in the U. S. senate. Six years ago he was defeated by a bolt of about 10 republicans. The cause of the bolt was Mitchell's pro-silver views. He was one of the great lawyers of the senate and one of the most conspicuous members of that exalted body. His election at the present time should be cause for congratulation everywhere among those who appreciate brains and eloquence.

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Pension Bill Vetoed.

Governor Toole announced his first veto to Saturday of the present session of the legislature. It was McIntire's house bill No. 18 prohibiting the management of the soldier's home from using any part of the pensions received by inmates of the institution at Columbia Falls.

The governor's reasons are in part as follows:

"I have the honor to return herewith to the house of representatives house bill No. 18, with my objections to the same. This bill proposes to repeal section 2528 of the Political Code, which reads as follows:

"That any and all persons admitted inmates of the said home shall assign to the home, for its support as much of the pension as the Board may determine; Provided, that the amount in no case shall exceed two-thirds of their said pension." (Sec. 2528, Act approved March 18, 1895.)

"If it was wise to provide under the law establishing the soldiers' home, as I think it was, for the contribution on the part of those admitted, mentioned in section No. 2528, every consideration that could have been urged then to justify the same obtains now with even greater force, in view of the large number of educational, penal, reformatory and other institutions maintained at public expense. Similar provisions exist, as far as I have been able to ascertain, in every state of the union where such homes are maintained at state expense."

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