University of Providence English professor Aaron Parrett examines what may be considered Montana’s first novel. Bates lived in Butte when it was a silver-mining camp, before the transition to large-scale copper mining, and described life in the fictionalized city of Colusa. Her work serves as a capitalist morality tale, but also offers a unique perspective of Butte before its boom.

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