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THE CAMPAIGN IS ON.

The Republican convention has completed its labors, and formulated a ticket to be presented for the consideration of the voters of this city, The public will, no doubt, compare it with the ticket of the opposite party, and while many will move strictly on party lines, we believe a great many of our citizens will make selections, according to their opinions of the ability and fitness of the respective candidates, for the postions to be filled at the municipal election in November.

The "News" takes pleasure in noticing that both parties have come out squarely in favor of the enforcement of laws and ordinances for the preservation of public morals. This action is, without question, due in some measpre to the influence of the Deseret News, in volcing the sentiments of the best people of all shades of political and religious opinion in this city. The platfor adopted on Monday evening does not appear so specific on the point of pealed to by mistaken but worthy perthe suppression of the Sunday liquor | scrs, urged on by malignant pretenders, traffic, as that adopted on October 9th. The latter demands the "Sunday closing of saloons." The former approves the action of the present administration" in suppressing gambling houses and in closing saloons on Sunday," which is rather ludicrous from the fact that gambling houses are not "suppressed," and the saloons have been closed for one Sunday only. However, both platforms pledge the nominees to "the enforcement of the laws and ordinances for the preservation of public morals."

There are some good men on the ticket formulated on Monday evening. It will be for the public to determine which is the stronger array of names presented. In our opinion there will be a pretty close run for victory, and a great deal of scratching on both tickets. What we should all aim for is a sound

mon Church itself has solemnly de-clared that it is not now encouraging or teaching polygamy; and if there are some few sporadic cases here and there I am satisfied that in due time these will pass away. will pass away."

Another untruth which finds its way into sermons and essays and newspaper articles, is that all the offices in this State are filled with "Mormons," and that therefore the laws which affect the Church cannot be enforced. Bishop Leonard disposes of that falsehood in the following language:

"We Gentiles are of the opinion that the Mormons dictate to their people po-litically more than any other religious body. So far as I am personally con-cerned, I am not greatly disturbed by that. It seems to me to be perfectly natural that they should control political places because they are so largely in the majority. We have a good share of the offices; the two Senators and one Congressman are non-Mormons; the Judges of the Supreme Court are all non-Mormon; and several members of the district courts are non-Mormons, one-half of the professors of the Uni-versity of Utah are non-Mormon, and there is not a bit of religious influence brought to bear in that institution; and n other State institutions a fair number of Gentles are represented. So that I feel that we are very well treat-

It is refreshing to hear such expressions from the lips of one whose position, belief and influence are necessarily on the non-"Mormon" side of these questions. They remind us of the stalwart and frank utterances of his predecessor, Bishop Tuttle, now of St. Louis, who though opposed to our doctrines, has always had the manhood to disabuse the public mind of the gross mistakes entertained concerning Utah and its people.

This is in such marked contrast to the course of dissenting preachers of different sects who have lived for a while in this State, that it shines out brilliantly and pleasantly, and creates a respect for those who are ready to speak the truth, which will ever abide in the hearts of the just. We commend the statements of the resident Episcopal bishop, who has been attending the ecclesiastical convention at San Francisco, to the candid people of the United States and especially to the press of this country. That is now being apto make a new crusade against the Latter-day Saints, which would result simrly in lining the pockets of the manipulators but would accomplish nothing for the benefit of humanity.

DEATH PREDICTED.

A dispatch from Louisville, Ky., of recent date, tells a curious story to the effect that the death of one Dr. Lemberger was predicted by a mysterious woman, whose name is not given. The oracular dictum is given as follows:

Within nine days that fine mare will die, that colt that you value will die, your last hunting dog will disappear and then you will die."

And this, the dispatch says, came literally to pass. Dr. Lemberger fell over dead from heart failure on the evening of the ninth day. The horse died and the dog disappeared, and the remaining city government, with a sure convis-tion that the ordinances of the city will be wisely yet thoroughly enforced, and tion pitch." He was deeply interested in his game, when he fell forward on the table, dead, The story goes on to say that detectives, police officers and reporters are endeavoring to find the mysterious woman. Physicians think she caused his death "by her psychic effect upon him." But admitting such a thing to be possible, how could she cause the death of the animals by "psychic effect?" And their death was predicted at the same time Provided the story is true-and equally strange incidents are well authenticated-a more reasonable explanation would be, that Providence actually permitted the lifting of the veil that covers the future, long enough to enable a friend of the deceased to see his approaching end in prophetic vision and to announce it as a solemn warning to him to set his house in ordera warning that seems to have been much needed in his case, judging by the way he spent his time. That the animals of which he undoubtedly was very fond were taken off one by one, also according to the warning, ought to have convinced him of the truth of the prediction, and caused him to prepare for his entrance into the great be-

erally in time, money, and blood, to find out the truth on this point.

And yet, after this expensive lesson, the situation is peculiar. Even today the Boer commandoes are, according to a correspondent of the London Times, perfectly able to destroy the trains on which Lord Eitchener relies for supplies for his army.

That they do not do so, seems to depend on a tacit understanding between the Boers and the British, so extraordinary that it is difficult to credit though in the London Times. The correspondent says:

"The Boers know perfectly well that a permanent damage to the railway communication would mean starvation for their wives and families. They also know that the inmates of the concen-tration camps would be allowed to starve first, the army afterwards. There have been many cases during the last months of the war, when train-wrecking commandoes, while deliberately destroying the line in order to secure supplies of arms and ammunition for themselves, have allowed the supply trains for the concentration camps to pass unmoiested. In fact, certain sections of the line have been kept open by an arrangement-of course without official sanction-with the train-wreck-ing commandoes. It has been an unood condition between drivers and guards and the train-wreckers that as long as certain supplies, such as coffee, sugar, and flour, were dropped at that particular section of the line should not be tampered with. And these burghers have never once broken faith when the conditions have been complied with."

If this is true now, after the war has been declared ended, it is evident that at the beginning of the contest the British faced a force of which they had almost no comprehension. If blunders and errors were the result, no wonder. But the campaign has been carried on with success. Old man Kruger, who knew whereof he was speaking, said the war would be waged at a cost "to stagger humanity," and no one should be surprised if that comes true. The better way would be to look for an honorable exit from the sanguinary stage, before the price yet to be paid becomes still more staggering, from the standpoint of humane civilization.

ETHER IS MATTER.

At a recent meeting of the British Association, Lord Kelvin, it is stated, expressed the very remarkable opinion that ether, though matter, is not subject to the law of gravitation. His lordship's reasoning on this is as follows:

"If ether extends through all space, then it is certain that ether could not be subject to the law of mutual gravitation between its parts, because if it were subject to mutual attraction be tween its parts, its equilibrium would be unstable; and if that occurred in the slightest degree the force of gravity would be so great that there would be would be so great that there would be an enormous containing pressure. While an enormous containing pressure, while admitting ether not to have any atomic structure, it is postulated as a matter which performs certain func-tions, and which might have properties allowing it to perform other functions. If it had rigidity enough for the vibra-tion of light we have no right to say that it is absolutely incompressible. If ether is not infinitely incompressible,

ecutive Mansion." President Roosevelt has changed it to "The White House."

Sir Thomas Lipton is truly "a jolly good fellow." Addressing the sailors of the Lipton fleet at a dinner given them by him, he said, among other things: "You have heard that this is a great country for trusts, and they cornered the wind; that is the reason why we could not get it. The Shamrock is as good as any boat afloat. Designer Watson deserves all credit for the thought and the skill he has laid down in its construction. Two years, night and day, he worked at his task without let up. But the best of boats needs a little luck, and while there was plenty of luck about that day, we did not seem to get any of it."

President Roosevelt is a strong advocate of civil service reform and he is as determined to make the best selections for appointment to office as he ever was. His appointment of ex-Governor Jones to a United States judgeship was a signal case of making fitness the first requisite for office. On this subject he defined his position to Senator Mason the other day, saying: "I wish to say, senator, that I want to stand well with the organization and all that, but I wish it distinctly understood that I will appoint no man to office, even if recommended by the organization, unless he is wholly qualified (for the position he seeks and is a man of Integrity."

Professor Virchow celebrated his eightieth birthday last Sunday and it was the occasion of many congratulations from his friends in the learned world. In connection with the celebration it was mentioned that the professor, with his advancing years, required more sleep, now taking four or five hours each night. This recalls what Max Muller, in his "Auld Lang what Max Muller, in his "Auld Lang Syne," says about Alexander von Humboldt. When the great savant was well advanced in years, he, too, complained that he needed more sleep and that now he took four hours while all during his life he had found two hours amply sufficient. These are rare cases and it is doubtful if such men as Humboldt and Virchow could ever appreciate Sancho Panza's famous remark, "Goo bless the man who invented sleep."

DEATH OF THE AMEER.

St. Paul Globe. That England regards a Russian movement to the south as more than a possibility is clearly shown by the notes of warning in the London press. The late ameer, fearing Russian ag-gression, saw his best interests in an apparent neutrality, but a neutrality apparent neutrality, but a neutrality which relied upon English arms in case of necessity. He saw that the interest of England lay not to the north. Brit-ish India had reached the limit of its expansion. It was infinitely better for England to sustain the power of the ameer that he might act as a bumper between India and the Russian ava-lanche from the north. But he is dead and the Anglo-Russian crisis in the and the Anglo-Russian crisis in the East is at hand.

Boston Herald.

The late lamented Ameer Abdur Rahman Kahn of Afghanistan has been re-ported dead a great many times, but there seems to be no doubt that his obituary is not premature this time.

New York Evening Sun.



that such improvements as are necessary will be made, and the finances of the municipality be wisely handled, while the burdens upon the taxpayers shall not be increased but lightened as far as possible, considering the conditions and requirements of public affairs

We hope that the contest, which will, no doubt, be vigorous, will not be smirched by personal attacks and defamation of private character. Such methods are inexcusable from any source. We do not believe they will be encouraged by the heads of the tickets, and certainly will not be approved by the decent and respectable supporters of either party. Let us have a clean campaign, with the desire that the most capable and suitable men shall be placed or continued in charge of our public affairs, so that we may be proud of our civic representatives and that Salt Lake City may grow in wealth, in prosperity and in the estimation of good people in every part of our common country.

A WORTHY EPISCOPAL BISHOP.

The San Francisco Examiner has an extended article giving the views of Rt. Rev. Abiel Leonard, Bishop of Utah and Nevada in the Episcopal Church, on the much agitated subject of "Mormonism." The Bishop does not seem to share the feeling of alarm which some religious agitators are endeavoring to spread throughout this nation. He does not regard "the Mormon situation" as presenting any "menace" to the country. He thinks that "Mormonism is simply taking its place as one of many religious denominations." He speaks highly of the progress of education in Utah and says the "Mormons are trying to maintain their church schools as a great many other religious bodies are doing, and at the same time they are greatly interested in the developing of public school education."

In connection with this subject the Bishop explodes another common anti-"Mormon error. It is diligently published that the "Mormons" are in control of the public schools, and therefore that "Mormon" doctrines are there instillled into the minds of the pupils. Bishop Leonard truthfully asserts;

"From the public schools all religious teaching of all kinds has been eliminated."

On the one question which persons who are pecuniarily interested are agitating, that is "polygamy," the Bishop says he is "not at all disturbed." There are individuals who are making a living out of the public ignorance of the facts in relation to this matter, and the deep-rooted prejudice that prevails against what they are led to believe prevails in Utab, and they are just now particularly active and mendacious. Bishop Leonard says:

"The Mormons number only about The Mormons number only about 200,0000 people in the United States, I should be very sorry to think that the presence of any considerable number of them in any State is a menace to institutions of any kind. I presume that people who are so disturbed have an idea that this means the increase of an idea that this means the increase of polygamy. I am absolutely sure that people in these adjacent States will be simply able to take care of all violators of law on this subject. As a matter of fact polygamy has secured in a data

yond. We do not know whether the story is true in all its details, but it is certain that many people have premonitions of death. Often they are not heeded, but when they do come, they are certainly given for a wise and good purpose.

GEN. BULLER CRITICISED.

It seems to be the fate of men entrusted with armies or navies in times of great crises, to have to run the gauntlet among their fellow-citizens afterwards for what they have said and done while in the discharge of their duties. Now General Buller has raised a storm of indignation against himself in England, by admitting that, after his reverses at Colenso, he thought of advising Gen. White to surrender Ladysmith, and had prepared a message to him to that effect.

London papers are but volcing public sentiment in advising him to resign his position in the army. They say the surrender of Ladysmith would have been a humiliation "compared with which all are. other reverses of the war would have

been trivial." And yet the progress of the war

proved pretty conclusively that it was the direct march of a sufficient British force toward Pretoria, that finally brought relief to Ladysmith, General Buller may not be much of a speaker; he may not understand how to give his ideas a form palatable to the public. but the events that followed the appearance of Lord Roberts upon the scene, suggest that if the British had not at the outset scattered their forces, in attempts at holding unimportant positions, they would sooner have become the masters of the field.

At any rate, it is idle now to condemn the generals who were sent to South Africa under the impression that they, with a few thousand soldiers. could triumphantly march to Pretoria. The impression was wrong. The public had been deceived, and many of the first disasters were due to this mistake. The strength of the enemy was underfact, polygamy has received its death The stiength of the chemy was under-blow, even in Utah. • • • The Mor. estimated, and Great Britain paid lib-

therefore admit that there is something which we call matter and which is not subject to Newton's law of gravitation. Our universe is a very small affair after all-occupying a very small portion of space-of which latter astronomers space-of which latter astronomers know very little-although it extends to 3000 million millions of kilometers. In our universe the amount of matter could not be more than a thousand million times the size of the sun. It has been calculated by Newcomb that there are 100 million stars visible but I there are 100 million stars visible, but I calculate that there are 1,000 millions, equal in mass to 1,000 millions of our suns. It seems probable that there was a time when the whole matter of the

universe was atoms-not a flery cloud or a luminous mist. The time came when the atoms became denser, until the density of gas was reached, and that was followed by the density of a liquid, and next followed that of meteoric stones and fragments."

How many people there are in politics who have eyes but see not.

All the evidence goes to show that the Brooklyn's loop was a slip loop.

One closing does not make dry Sundays any more than one swallow makes a summer.

When Pat Crowe returns to Omaha he will be Nebraska's most notorious if not most noted citizen.

The millennium hasn't come, but in New York the Tiger and the Shepard have lain down together.

Tammany is sure that when the votes are all counted its mayoralty candi-

will take a much needed rest.

the steering apparatus giving him

trouble. As an experiment he might

"King Midas has ass's cars."

pledged himself to carry out the late

President McKinley's policies, but he is

on their armor.

committee.

date will not be the Low man. Admiral Dewey carries his lunch to the Schley investigation. This is to supplement the food for reflection that he gets in the shape of facts.

The government has rested in the Schley investigation. When the applicant has presented his side the public

San Francisco Chronicle.

considered.

Chicago News.

And now another English torpedo The eldest son of the late Ameer is Habidoula Khan. He had been desigboat destroyer has "buckled" as the Cobra did. It might strengthen these nated to the succession, but it does not seem to be known whether he will be able to maintain his rights, or what sort of a man he is. He has had a frail fast craft if they would buckle of a man he is. He has have in the government for a long Russia is said to favor a repre-More Java coffee is sold in the share United States than is raised in all the sentative of another branch of the family. If this be true, precedents show that it would not be difficult, by intri-guing with the chiefs, to excite a civil Dutch East Indies. Which fact simply shows how enterprising our grocers war. In that case it would be almost essential for Great Britain to interfere, The municipal tickets are in the field. essential for Great Britain to interfere, as she has done before, and yet, with the Indian army depieted for service in the Transvaal, and all her energies di-rected to the prosecution of that un-happy war, the question is how she could effectually act in Central Asia. It is the possibility of such a contin-gency which is now disturbing the slumbers of British statesmen. and the voters, like the little boy at the circus who asked which was the elephant and which the Kangaroo, pay their money and take their choice. M. Santos-Dumont has experienced more trouble with his balloon, this time

New York Sun.

The quiet succession of the new Ameer of Afghanistan is another exput himself in the hands of a steering ample of the way that the long expected doesn't happen. It is the rule, not the exception, for the death of a ruler of that country to be followed by a row. But apparently the contrary is A new novel is called "King Midas." It may have the touch of gold (its publishers must certainly hope so) or its row. But apparently the contrary is distinguishing feature may be the burto be the case in this instance. So the English will be able to give all their attention to the South African mess, which they thought would be a triffe, while the Afghan succession, which was looked forward to with apprehen-sion, turns out to be of no account. den of the old saying, sighed through the corn fields by the evening breeze, President Roosevelt has publicly



