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## LOOKING FORWARD.

An esteemed correspondent of Washington, D. C., speaking of the fact that the Veterans of the Civil War are rapidly passing beyond the veil, expresses in very strong terms his conviction that history will yet pronounce a verdict in favor of the South, and that there can be no forgiveness of the wrongs of the past. He illustrates his views by comparing the war upon the South to the assaults upon the Church.

We respect the views and sentiments of our correspondent; but would, nevertheless, say that the issue between the North and South was settled in the only way in which it could be decided. It may be regretted that no peaceful means of settlement were found, and that appeal was made to brute force. This was unfortunate indeed. Still, the questions at issue were decided, and no good can come of nursing bad feelings for ever. Had the advice of the Prophet Joseph and other interesting statesmen been accepted, the slave would have been set free over the above question. It would have been settled cheaper than by the sword, and in an entirely humane manner, and with that issue satisfactorily decided, the question of state rights would perhaps not have eliminated in crisis. But wise counsels did not prevail then. It should prevail now. If it does, there will be bitterness of feeling on account of past issues.

The comparison between the Civil war and the anti-Mormon conflict is hardly pertinent. The founders of the Church and their friends took their ground on the Constitution of the country and maintained that American citizens have a right to worship the Almighty according to the dictates of their conscience, and that their political rights could not lawfully be curtailed on account of their faith. This eminently American principle they maintained, not against the government, nor against the American people, but chiefly against the leaders of men. It was in the maintenance of that principle, without which American government would soon become a despotism, that Joseph the Prophet, and Hyrum, the Patriarch, gave their lives. It was in the maintenance of that glorious principle that the Latter-day Saints sacrificed their homes and came to Utah, where they redeemed the desert and helped expanding the domain of the United States.

No church in this country has suffered more from the cruelty of man, the brutality of selfish politicians, or the intolerance of bigots; yet it has no grudge to nurse but is perfectly content to leave its case with the Supreme Judge of all the children of men. As members of the Church the Latter-day Saints are ready to do all in their power to spread the light of truth, as they have received it, to all the world. As citizens their only aim is to co-operate with all other good citizens in the furtherance of good, honest government, and the welfare of the communities in which they live. They are in a noble race, to win, and therefore, like the Apostle of old, they forgot those things which are behind and reach forth unto those things that are still future, pressing onward toward the prize of their high calling.

## THE VOTE.

It would be a mistake to suppose that the vote on Tuesday was an endorsement of the so-called "American" policy that prevailed two years ago. That policy was so severely rebuked that the manipulators were compelled to change tactics and standard issues before the election. It was this change that was ratified; not the policy of hatred and graft that was the general characteristic of the movement at inception, and which is still manifested in the columns of the daily exponent of anti-Americanism! As far as the vote was cast for the so-called "American" ticket by intelligent thinking voters, it was cast in the hope that the election of the head of the ticket would mean the beginning of an honest business administration, and an era of good feelings among the people here, on a platform of truly American principles.

If this fails, there will be disappointment among many who voted for Mr. Bennett, not because he was on the ticket of a party whose originators have assailed the government and breached defiance against the Constitution of the country, but in spite of that fact. In other words, a number of voters gave their endorsement to the principles the new Mayor has declared, instead of those of the party organ.

With the realization is considered, the savage gloating of certain ring leaders over the result appears both unfounded and preposterous. Their sole aim has been to deliver a "body blow" to the Church—to quote their organ. They have constantly told their dopes that that could be done best by a political combination. Ministers have recited that sentiment in the pews and elsewhere, though they are very conscientious about not mixing religion and politics in anybody else's pews. All such champions of "Americanism" have yet to learn that the Church is superior to all their plots and machinations. Like the sun in the heavens, it rises on in its sublime course, no matter what the earth-dwellers may do or not do. Its light may be ob-

served temporarily, by clouds, or even by smoke, but it is never extinguished. It is warning, life-giving, even though the mist.

The only real issue in this election was honesty and efficiency in office.

The officials chosen will now have the task of patching up the miserable record of their predecessors and of exalting the City from the effects of debt due to poor management, and of a reign of lawlessness and vice, due to inefficiency or connivance on the part of unscrupulous officials.

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Money doesn't talk these days. The banks have shut it up.

And now they call Paris' famous Jardin the auto-mobile.

San Francisco's slogan is no longer, "Come, my bonnie, come."

If the major issue of the occasion, he will have to rise above his party.

Not patriotism but speculative banking is the last refuge of a scoundrel.

Uncle Sam will find the same trouble in reducing his debts to "shirkers" that the anti-slave state may derive benefits from the instructive addresses and discussions.

## IN THE INTEREST OF EDUCATION

The "News" has been requested to call attention to the announcement of the Brigham Young University of Provo, of a Winter Semester to begin on Monday, November 11, 1907. As we understand it, it is modification of the regular year's curriculum whereby two semesters' work, the courses usually given during the first year, may be taken successively in two years by a course covering eighteen weeks during the winter in each. The branches offered are theology, English, algebra, physiography, drawing, woodwork, ironwork, domestic science, domestic art, dressmaking, agriculture, horticulture, stock-breeding, stock-breeding, bookkeeping, commercial arithmetic, penmanship, typewriting, and such other first-year studies as may be found necessary. Students will also be given instruction in the preparatory school.

This is a most admirable movement. As will be seen, it is especially designed to help young men and women who, on account of work on the farm, have not been able to start at the beginning of the school year, and who would be obliged to leave school as soon as spring work begins. As the regular courses are now planned in most high schools, these young people could readily find no satisfactory place to begin.

To enter in the middle of the fall semester would be to fall in getting credits because of not having had the first half of the work.

To begin at the opening of the second, or spring semester, is to fail in their credits again from not being able to complete the courses.

Indeed, the attempt to get an education by piece-meal, while commendable enough, is likely to most cases to lead to discouragement. And yet these young people represent the very best element, the bone and sinew of our commonwealth.

The Provo institution is, therefore, to be commended for this move in the right direction.

## DISEASE CARRIERS.

We remarked recently that typhoid fever is carried by houseflies, malaria by mosquitoes. The old idea that malaria is caused by breathing the miasma of swamps has been exploded. Not all mosquitoes carry malaria, and the kind common here is not known to do so. This kind, says Mr. Howard of the government department of entomology, is called Culex. It has clear wings, very short palpi—projections on each side of the beak—and rests in a "humpbacked" position. The material mosquito is of the genus Anopheles. It has spotted wings, long palpi, and rests with head and beak in the same plane as the body, which is itself at a great angle to the wall. Another kind of mosquito found in Cuba and elsewhere is the one known cause of the transfer of the dreaded yellow fever, by keeping the patients screened from the mosquito. The disease will not be transferred to healthy persons.

It is a curious fact that the African savages described by Captain Burton in 1854 were then reported by him to have the following "superstition" about the bites of certain insects:

"Flies abound in the very jungles where cows have been and settle in swarms upon the traveler. Before the monsoon their bite is painful, especially that of the small red variety called 'Babes.' These venom, according to the people causes them to vomit. The latter abounds in Guiana and the hill ranges of the Berberian country. It is inconveniences during the cold season. The mosquito bites bring on, according to the same authorities, deadly fevers. The separation probably arises from the fact that mosquitoes and fevers become formidable about the same time."

In the transfer of malaria, the mosquito sucks in with the blood of a malarial patient the germs—one called anophelins in this case—that produce the disease. These minute germs develop in the body of the mosquito and are injected into the blood of the next person bitten by the mosquito. As far as known this is the only method by which malaria and yellow fever can be transferred from one person to another.

This fact was demonstrated in Cuba only a few years ago, and measures were adopted for the destruction of the yellow-fever mosquito. The result has been the practical cessation of that disease in Havana, and the belief is that the Gulf states may similarly be freed from such ravages of yellow fever as they have suffered in the past.

## STORAGE BATTERY IMPROVED.

For a number of years Edison has been working to perfect a storage battery which would be at once light enough in weight to be used to advantage in small vehicles, and at the same time have considerable power of endurance. Now, it is stated, this storage battery is ready for the public and if this is correct, we may see a

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