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## SHOULD UNITE.

There are good reasons why the citizens of this City should unite in the election of an administration. The fathers of the party in power drew from the ranks of the two parties and effected a fusion by means of which they outvoted the voters who remained true to their party standards. If that is good policy in the furtherance of the schemes of ex-Senator Tom Kearns, it ought to be as good policy in the furtherance of the financial and moral interests of the City, which are of paramount importance to all good citizens.

But there is another consideration. The leaders of the party in power do not rely on the bona fide vote of the people for the perpetuation of their power and influence. They know very well that people of all classes are tired of the lies they have circulated about the "Mormons," and the strife and bad feelings that have been engendered between neighbors. They know that business men have become aware of the injury slander is doing to the State. They know that people are groaning under taxes for the expenditure of which they cannot account, and they dare not leave the election with the majority of the bona fide voters. And so they are suffering the element that no city is proud of to multiply in the saloons and the streets at this time.

Do you want any party to carry the City by the aid of that element? Is not its vote obtained for the promise that it shall have free sway after the election? Just reflect on what that means to your children, and your homes. Does not the emergency call for the united effort of all good, respectable citizens, be they Republicans, Democrats, or so-called Americans, for a City government that shall not be in league with, or owe a debt to, those who would build here a Sodom and Gomorrah?

It has been urged that party interests must be considered, and that is, of course, true. But party interests this time demand union of effort. A country too weak to resist an invading foe would naturally look for an ally, and when found, they two would co-operate in the defense. The interests of both would best be preserved by such co-operation. In the same way party interests this time demand co-operation. That does not mean the dissolution of party organizations. Alliance does not mean the giving up of the identity of the parties to the alliance. It means unity of effort for the salvation of the City.

## CATTLE PRICES SOARING.

According to Clay, Robinson & Co's Live Stock Report prices of cattle are soaring. The top of the cattle market last week was \$3.20, making a new record for the month of October. Barling show cattle and in June, 1882, when \$3.20 was recorded, this price, the report says, was within 10 cents of the highest figure ever reached on the open market, in August, 1862, and December, 1861, the summit was \$3.00. There are those who believe that \$3.20 will be recorded for prime corn-fed beefs and that the top for western range cattle is yet to be seen.

Higher prices on cattle means, we presume, higher prices on meat in the retail market. That would mean retrenchment on the part of many consumers whose meat bills are too high already, for their earnings. To many this would be a hardship, but, possibly, most people would do well to reduce their meat consumption somewhat and substitute other kinds of food. To eat most sparingly is a Divine commandment supported by reason.

## A UNIVERSAL PROTEST.

The outburst of protest all over the world against the execution in Spain of Prat, Ferrier, is a phenomenon of which governments must take cognizance. The time has passed when the rate of retribution is a matter of indifference outside the countries in which they live. The Tsar did not dare to imprison Count Tolstoi, though the church dared to excommunicate him. The Russian ruler knew that the eyes of the entire world was upon him, and Tolstoi was left alone. The Spanish ruler has now learned that the affairs of Spain are the affairs of all who feel interested in the brotherhood of man.

Ferrier was court martialled at Barcelona. For a long time he was an object of suspicion in the Spanish government. He was a Republican, but he was generally classed as an anarchist. He had a school in Barcelona, where he taught the principles of Republicanism. He was also suspected of being one of a band of conspirators who plotted to overthrow the monarchy by armed revolution. In 1866 he was arrested and charged with complicity in the attempt on King Alfonso's life. But he was acquitted, and has continued at liberty at Barcelona.

Following the Barcelona riots Ferrier was arrested on Sept. 1, on the charge of having instigated the revolutionary uprising. He was sent before a court-martial for trial. The proceedings were behind closed doors. Of the evidence against him little or nothing is known beyond the fact that incriminating documents are reported to have been submitted showing revolutionary sentiments.

What the "proofs" before the court

were not known, and the secrecy with which the case was conducted lends color to the claim that Ferrier fell another martyr to the cause of freedom. Spain must have forgotten the Philippines. The execution there of patriots was only the prelude to the expulsion from the islands of Spanish despotism.

## GRAVE CHARGES.

Councilman Fernstrom, in an address at the Citizens' headquarters last night, made the charge that the so-called American party leaders actually are in league with the criminal element, to the extent that they are levying a tribute on all kinds of illegal business under promise of immunity from prosecution as long as the blood money is paid. Councilman Fernstrom, in his speech, made this awful charge against the party at present in control of the City government. What are you, Christian men and women of this City, going to do about it? Are you going to aid this party in the conspiracy against virtue and righteousness?

Councilman Fernstrom told a story illustrating the baseness methods of the council. He said the City has a crematory where the dead bodies of animals are disposed of. At this crematory, he said, three men are employed though there is but ten hours' work a day, or less, and often the employees there are drawing pay from the City for skinning horses and cows and selling the hides for their own private benefit. Such business methods, he said, are prevailing in every department of the City. The people are being robbed right and left, by incompetent management, or worse.

Do the tax-payers want such business methods perpetuated? If their own private money were handled in that way, they would soon have a radical change in the personnel of employees. That is what the City now needs—a change for the better.

## GENEALOGY.

For the 22nd of this month the New England Historic Genealogical society announces a celebration upon the completion of sixty-five years of its work.

The love for genealogical research has become of great significance in recent years, and numerous and varied organizations are now devoting their attention to the discovery and preservation of this form of historical data. This result is not due to family pride or to the claims of those who regard their ancestry as exceptional. There is little of aristocracy in this general movement to trace ancestors. Investigators, for instance, in a study of American families, scarcely one of which passed through the period of 1765 to 1775 without the trials of poverty, breeds a wholesome spirit of democracy.

This New England society claims to have built up the best library in America relating to family and local history. It is also said that at auctions other Boston libraries have left the rarest items in these fields to its bidder, and loyal public has provided the money with which it has carried off the prizes of the auction room. Through the summer months the rooms of the society are crowded with professional men, teachers and leisurely travelers who have through a winter of waiting prepared themselves to search intelligently among its shelves.

One of its officials says that every state in the Union sends its citizens to No. 13 Somerton street. To those who can never come to Boston, the Genealogical Register, the oldest periodical of its kind in the world, carries records of the colonial days to be read by the western fireside. Many an invalid thus keeps in touch with progress in research which can only be carried on by him who drives to neglected graveyards or explores musty attics in far-off hamlets.

One curious result about books has been discovered, emphasizing the need of permanent ink and durable paper. The books of twenty years ago are fast crumbling to decay, while those of four hundred years ago are as strong as on the day of issue.

What was at one time looked upon as an "abuse of fancy" by the Latter-day Saints, now claims the enthusiastic devotion of innumerable people and of many organizations. The search for genealogical records is a modern impulse among mankind, among the first, and perhaps the first, to engage in it with peculiar zeal being the people called Latter-day Saints. Their motive was simply a desire that their unknown kindred should enjoy the blessings of the Gospel message. The opportunity for doing such work for the dead are now rapidly multiplying.

Did any man ever have a really great and good friend?

The rate of discount depends upon who writes for the story.

Not an agricultural state, still Nevada's crop of dividends is very fine indeed.

Down in Texas President Taft is doing just as he pleases. Does this mean that he is doing as the Texans do or not?

Mr. Reed says that Judge Gaynor and Mr. Bernard are machine-made candidates. He himself is a self-made candidate.

According to their statements about each other, the three candidates for mayor of New York are three of a kind, and a bad kind too.

Northwestern university recently held an examination to find out who of its students were the six best speakers. The best was very bad.

PEACEFUL AMERICA.

Boston Transcript.

Heads bringmen say that Peary's ship, the Roosevelt, is a white elephant on the hands of the Arctic club. And the commander regarded as the Old Man of the Sea.

Judge King made a very forceful

speech at headquarters of the Citizens last night, in favor of good government. He was listened to with intense interest.

Judge Kenosha Mountain Landis fined the Standard Oil company \$25,000,000. Now he has just fined John Bower of Rockford, Ill., one cent for using the United States mails for sending a threatening letter. His honor seems to be nothing if not extreme.

How is it that an automobile can always stop short enough to avoid running into a fire wagon or a streetcar, but not soon enough to avoid running into a pedestrian who may chance to cross its path?

Congratulations to the police department of this city and of Ogden for the capture of the murderer of Policeman Riley. It was a wanton, cold-blooded murder that shocked the entire community and aroused its just indignation.

That was good advice Mr. Gompers gave the textile workers—organize themselves into mutual benefit associations. Such insurance is the best in this that it encourages the habit of saving better than any other system, and the saving habit is worth more than the insurance. Thoroughly established, it is almost a certain guarantee against poverty, whose mother is improvidence.

Friend John Beck is devoting his time to efforts at creating interest in cooperative efforts. He has issued a little pamphlet on the subject, which is well worth reading, and he intends issuing another setting forth in full detail what his ideas are. Co-operation is a subject that is bound to become popular in the long run. It is the only method of successful resistance to trusts and monopolies.

We are much inclined to agree with

the "Newspaper" that the "Times" has, from the first, taken the view that Dr. Cook's story of his journey to the North Pole must be credited until it is proved to be false, and we have no reason for changing this opinion. He is entitled to the benefit of the doubt. But it seems to us that a gentleman under the crossfire from Peary and a former companion in his mountain climbing exploits, ought to hasten to lay before the public the proofs he may have of his success in the Arctic regions, and not run round the country and gather up the people's money until those proofs have been made public. His honor is assailed, and he should spend more time in clearing up the record than in giving lectures. If it finally should turn out that he failed to reach the Pole, he should not lay himself liable to the additional charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

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