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BEWING TO THE LINE.

If the City Council will continue to its legitimate and consistent conclusion the sweeping retrenchments inaugurated last evening in the salary reductions and the lopping off of superfluous officials, it will merit the thanks and the confidence of its best friends and extort the praise of all its honorable opponents. By one brave stroke to remove expenditures over $50,000 per year, which is practically what was done last night, is a grand bit of work, the credit for which is in no degree lessened by the fact that a large part of this amount has been going out unnecessarily. Upon further examination additional leaks may be discovered and the public hope is that now that the good work has been commenced it will not be suspended until every needless hole has been probed and tightly plugged.

Some people will criticise the retrenchments in one department, others will find fault with the cutting down in other departments. We apprehend that the people, however, will not be found grumbling at any part of it. For ourselves, we fancy there are still a few places where the ax may be judiciously employed; and in order to be consistent all round, these particular places must not be overlooked. But a magnificent beginning has been made, and on these lines the Council may safely reckon upon the approval and endorsement of the great mass of the taxpayers regardless of greed, odor, or past condition of political or municipal servitude.

"AS THEIRS SEE US."

One of the weaknesses of those who have acquired an exalted public station and are new to it is to become inflated with the atmosphere of the situation. This is not always the result of vanity or of undue self-consequence, but the natural outcome of being suddenly and easily elevated above one's normal sphere—attaining a position, we may say, at which everybody looks small to him and, as a necessary corollary, he looks small to everybody. All are not thus affected, any more than all who take their first trip across the ocean become seasick; but it is so easily recognized fact that a good many get the disease, if there is may be called.

When the telegram came to Boise City that Idaho had been duly recognized through the passage by the Federal House of Representatives of something set, the dispatch clearly foreshadowing that the bill would at once pass the other house and be promptly signed by President Harrison, a member of the territorial legislature, carried away by the enthusiasm of the occasion, moved that the lawmakers meet at noon the next day for the purpose of electing United States Senators! In his more sober moments he must have known that he was proposing a function which could devolve only upon a body chosen for that purpose and pursuant to a consequent upon admission; but what of that? He got in his motion and showed that he knew at least that Senators were chosen by the legislature, albeit a little astray as to which particular legislature should do it. These well-intending, good natured people are not at all rare; as we say in the western classics, "the woods are full of them."

The Utah State general assembly is, on the whole, a decidedly able body; that it is fully representative goes without the saying. The members seem imbued throughout with a disposition to do the best that can be done with all the circumstances before them duly considered, and, carrying a certain hesitation toward absolutely identifying which at times is more manifest than at other times, they are doing quite well. When an unbiased observer of the disposition to be flighty, such as is herein first set out, manifests itself, it is quite as much as for the time appropriate. A disposition to be flamboyant in the halls of legislation, to soar on the pinions of the noble bird of freedom and scan the earth from a giddy height, has this to recommend it. It is in a person of it would not manifest itself, and the more vent it has the sooner it will evaporate.

The State of Utah has great need of the best attention that those to whom is delegated the honor of framing her first laws can bestow. Of course we cannot afford to overlook remissness in a foreign member nor altogether ignore the fact that, being now an integral part of the nation, we have a certain well-defined substitute for its local affairs, hence, the tariff, etc., being duly considered. But in view of the fact that there are but sixty more working days of the present assembly and that the affairs of State are still greatly in arrears, why not let the general government worry along for the present without the immediate assistance of our local statesmen? It is much better equipped than we are for the solution of national questions, and under the circumstances it could hardly expect us to stand in and keep it out when itself has provided that we get squarely on our own pins first.

LEAP YEAR FIGURES.

Generally the month of February has only 28 days, but this year, as every leap year, has an additional day. This is well known, but the reasons for this arrangement may not be equally clear to all.

According to the ancient Roman calendar the months should have 31 and 30 days alternately, but as this made the year too long, the last day of February, the month whose days were dedicated to the god of death, was cut off. But when the sixth month of the year (our August) had been dedicated to the Emperor Augustus, the astronomers found it disrespectful to the memory of that ruler that his month should have a day less than the fifth month which was named after Julius Cæsar (July) and they agreed to add a day to August, and this was again taken from February, leaving only twenty-eight days for that month.

By this arrangement the year received 365 days, but the fact is that the earth is not able to complete its revolution around the sun in that time but needs 5 hours, 48 minutes and 50 seconds more. As it would be exceedingly inconvenient, however, to commence the year at any other time than the beginning of the day, it was agreed to add a day to every fourth year. This makes each year 365 days and six hours, which is 11 minutes and 10 seconds too long. The error is small, but in the course of 400 years it will amount to about three days, and these must be dropped of in some manner. The pope Gregory XIII after deep calculation found that the error of the Julian calendar amounted in the year 1582 to ten days, the vernal equinox falling on the 11th instead of the 21st of March, and as this caused much confusion in religious festivals, a correction was found necessary. He therefore ordained that ten days should be defunded from that year by calling the 5th of October the 15th, and in order to prevent a further recurrence of a similar necessity it was further ordained that every hundredth year (1800, 1900, etc.) should not be a leap year, except every fourth hundredth, beginning with the year 2000. It will therefore be seen that only every fourth year ending a century is a leap year, as commonly every fourth year is. It is nevertheless quite a possible event that an interval of eight years occurs between two leap years. Generations will pass away before it happens the next time, which will be the period between 2096 and 2104.

Those who celebrate their birthday on the 29th day of February should bear in mind this year that they will not have another chance in eight years.

PREROGATIVES AND PENALTIES.

The duty of every civilized state is protect its citizens from injustice and oppression wherever they may be in as well-defined and as well-understood as any of the constituent powers of government. This duty is especially required of and recognized by the United States, whose flag is deemed broad enough not only to shelter the objects of other lands who flee to it for safety, but also to reach out to its own citizens in whatsoever part of the globe they may be. It is a pleasant thought and a comforting, that the broad stripes and the stars field of stars composing the nation's emblem, while not symbolical of foreign conquest nor addicted to meddling in foreign affairs, are still respected in every quarter of the earth and constitute a protection to American citizens which no nation under the sun violates with impunity.

But while the folds of the flag can envelop the globe on any fast occasion, and while the eagle's proud, defiant scream can pierce the ear of tyranny everywhere, there are still some lengths and limits to which neither flag nor scream may properly be stretched. Americans are proverbially an enterprising, restless race. Their own country they recognize as the choicest part of the footstool of omnipotence; but they are not averse to seeking into other lands for adventure or profit. To the polar regions both north and south, to the land of the kremlin, the dragon and the "celestial" across the mighty western sea, to the countries of the Montezumas and the Incas, and even to the dark domains of the sons of Ham in the great southern continent in the eastern hemisphere, Americans energy and pursuits have pushed themselves, and the name is synonymous with all that is progressive and daring in the realms of industry and commerce.

Now, while protection to American citizens should be demanded for them in any of the regions peopled or invaded in the pursuit of industry and trade, there is a no less incontrovertible duty upon such citizens themselves, and that is to render obedience to the laws of the country in which they may be operating. Conducted Americanism has no part in revolutions against or defiance of the government of any other land. Upon entering such countries the citizens of the great Republic need not necessarily leave behind all his notions of freedom and republicanism, but he must not attempt, either for himself or for others, to put these notions into effect in opposition to the conditions already existing. In other words, he becomes subject to the laws of the land; and for their willful violation must accept, as gracefully as may be, the penalties provided. Otherwise the name of American might become identical with excess and lawlessness, and our government, if it undertook the defense of its citizens under all kinds of circumstances, would be deemed as inciting and encouraging license and revolution. If the subject finds the regulations in his new home or place of business too irksome, the alternative is to return to his own land; he assumes the risks and all the hampering circumstances when he goes abroad, and he cannot consistently require the government to stretch forth its arm to rescue him from embarrassments into which he went voluntarily.

This applies to officials as well as to private individuals. Consuls who err in revolutions and are taken to the act of violating the ordinary rules of war, must suffer the penalty; hence if all that is charged against Mr. Waller is true, he is but receiving his just desert in the imprisonment to which he was sentenced for his operations against the French in Madagascar. Civil engineers and others, as well as speculators or filibusters, who join in an unholy raid upon a peaceful Dutch government in South Africa, come in the same category; their offense is in no way mitigated by the fact that they are Americans. The cry that some people are giving vent to, demanding that our government insist upon the release of certain of its citizens who are held as prisoners of war by the authorities of Transvaal, is therefore unworthy and undeserving of official notice.

If the President-elect, Paul Kruger, were in this country, the hostile political press would at least be able to charge that he was too old for the presidency. Which there is nothing else to be said to a man's disparagement, it is deemed a fair complaint that he has lived too long.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, announces that either he or a Republican will be the next senator from the blue grass state. The nation has quite made up its mind that the result of the Kentucky deadlock would be Mr. Blackburn or somebody else.

When they begin to coin of the "silver kings" instead of the "silver stroke," it is time to substitute "gold eagles" for "gold bugs." Thus, in time, the two will get together, let us hope to the tune of about 16 to 1.

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