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TO THE CITY COUNCIL.

The costly and incomprehensible blunders daily evident in the street macadamizing should now come to an end.

There must be some limit to blind folly or to perverse and malignant persistence in wrong doing.

If you cannot, or will not, find a way to put a stop to this vast and useless waste of the people's taxes, other agencies may be appealed to for that purpose.

As recently shown in our local columns with a completeness and impartiality that amounts to a demonstration, the macadamizing now being carried forward on the streets of this city, is not merely a sham and a disgrace as a piece of engineering and workmanship, but is a costly and relatively worthless burden to the property adjoining it.

The laying of these macadamized roads has been shown to involve at least half a score of the most serious and flagrant violations of the simplest and most approved rules of road-making.

It has been shown that the material is unfit for this use and that it cannot last more than a very few years at best.

It has been proved that roads constructed as these are, simply cannot last; and that there will be no satisfaction, but only continued annoyance, expense, and humiliation to the people in continuing to lay them.

This kind of work should be stopped. Methods that conform to reason and approved usage should be substituted for those now practiced. The waste of the people's money should not be tolerated after it has been clearly proved, and pointedly brought to your attention.

The "News" supposed that you did not know of the facts and conditions surrounding the street paving, and therefore took the pains to lay before you the facts, withholding nothing, overstating nothing.

In the interests of Salt Lake City the simple truth has been given to you. As the especial guardians of the city's honor and welfare, it is your duty to act in this matter.

Thousands of citizens are awaiting your action. Can you afford to disappoint them?

You were elected to guard, not to waste, the public revenues; to serve, not to despoil, the citizens of this commonwealth.

The "News" has shown that the public revenues are being wasted; the citizens wronged, despoiled and humiliated in these matters. Will you permit the continued perpetration of these wrongs?

No blame can be imputed to the members of the Council, if when they discover or are shown a public wrong, they proceed to right it.

Gentlemen of the Council, here is your opportunity.

CHANGE THE POLICY NOW.

If the falsely so-called American party leaders hope to remove the stains from their muddy boots by getting rid of the Chief of Police, they are as greatly mistaken in that calculation as in everything else. When the McWhirter case first came up, they had a chance to make a display of decency, by permitting a fair investigation of the charges and aiding in bringing all the guilty parties to justice. But they neglected the chance. They praised the Chief to the skies. They invented the exceedingly silly story that the Church had paid the Scotchmen for being victimized by the Chief's friends. They heaped invective upon the McWhirters and tried to make their dupes believe that the story was all false. The public rully made up its mind as to the part the Chief played in the game, but the party leaders refused to read public opinion. They lost the chance then to appear in the role of defenders of virtue—a role entirely contrary to their nature. It is too late to assume that role now, after the stand already taken. It is like death bed repentance. It is a bid for vote, but it is too thinly disguised to deceive anybody.

Whatever the Chief of Police is, or may have been as a public officer, is immaterial now. It is the party itself that is condemned, owing to the character stamped upon it by the contemptible individuals that assumed the leadership. The resignation of an officer does not help the matter in the least. The system that is responsible for the most rotten government that ever cursed the City, must be broken up. Otherwise there will be but a repetition of the story.

The party was raked together by men who had the interests of the citizens at heart no more than they had any intention of visiting the moon. They banded together for revenge, and for "what there is in it." Their pretty well understood scheme was to capture the government of not only the City but the County and the State, for their own selfish ends and purposes. They appealed to one class by promises of financial advantages. To another class they appealed by promises of aiding them in their insane fight against the Church. Their appointees were chosen with special regard to the end the leaders had in view. If they are

making the City pay exorbitant prices for inferior work, that is in line with the policy of the originators of the party. What do they care for honest work as long as the money is appropriated? If officers are the chums of swindlers and crooks; that, too, is immaterial, as long as the party manipulators have their support. The fact is that these party leaders proceeded for their own well understood purposes, to gather a crowd which they hoped to keep together by all kinds of lies and false pretenses, by hypocrisy and fraud. They depended for success on their skill in lying. The very name they fastened upon the party is, in their mouth, a hollow mockery, and intended as an insult to every man and woman outside the party. They had no principles to defend. They had suffered no wrongs that had to be righted. They had no mission of public benevolence to perform. They offered their followers what they had—falseness and sham. Their weapons were those of common—very common—ruffians and scoundrels.

Look at the organ of the party. No agency has tried so hard to retard the growth of Utah, as that sheet. For years it has made a business of publishing scandalous stories and pictures. It has tried to make the country believe that Utah is a place where decent people cannot live until its crowd has "Americanized" it. It has left nothing undone to injure the business interests of the State and City. It has spoken for the party bosses. It is therefore clear that any attempt at purifying the atmosphere must be directed at the source whence the poisonous smoke issues. And that is not exactly at the office of the Chief of Police, though that place of course is filled with the times. After the resignation of the Chief, there must be a radical change of policy.

FRED J. HILL.

In the premature death of Fred J. Hill of this city, the community has lost the services of a first-class man. In business successful, in his domestic relations happy and prosperous, in charitable social and friendly affairs genial, generous, and straightforward, Mr. Hill has earned an enviable place in the hearts of those whom he leaves behind, as he departs on his journey into the great beyond. His wife a person of similar qualities, noble, intelligent, progressive, lovable; his children talented beyond their years; his business prosperous, his friends numerous—through it all, it is hard to discern the reasons for the decree of Providence which removed him so soon from the sphere of happy and successful earthly progress. But faith guided by experience and enlightened by the words of Him who could not be deceived, compel us to admit that God knows best, after all; and that what He does is for our eternal good, however, it may cause temporary pain. As for the genial character whose ever-constant smile was like a benediction to all he met, "he is not dead but sleepeth" and in these words of divine truth may the bereaved find consolation, and experience that present earthly loss may be though painfully disguised, eternal and heavenly gain.

CHINA THREATENED.

The fate of Korea is referred to as a warning to China, on no less important authority than that of the Japanese Minister of foreign affairs. Viscount Hayashi is quoted as having said:

"The fate of Korea may be regarded by China as a lesson; it should be a warning to that country to put her house in order, ere some strong nation, whichever one might be moved to do, initiate events in South China's despotism, which is the worst form of government, must yet reach a crisis, as when the present ruling mind is gone, the state will fall a prey to intrigues."

If he ever uttered this threat, it simply means that Japan is prepared to assume the role of dictator in China, too, whenever Chinese conditions warrant foreign interference. It is difficult to believe that the Viscount is quoted correctly, but if he is, his declaration is full of significance as to the real ambition of Japan.

It must be remembered that close observers of Oriental affairs are of the opinion that important political events may be expected in the near future, in China. The rule of the Empress Dowager is considered likely to terminate at an early date with her death. The violence of Chinese domestic dissension is appreciated by those who studied the causes and progress of the Boxer outbreak. That a dynamic change might easily bring disturbances far more menacing to all foreign interests is a general apprehension. The suggestion of the Japanese diplomat that China "put her house in order" may have reference to the possibility of a general outbreak in the case of the death of the Empress.

China is putting her house in order. She has made wonderful progress in the suppression of the opium habit, and thus set an example worthy of imitation in other parts of the world where the alcohol fiend possesses so many human beings, ruining them physically and morally. She has a modern army consisting of some 100,000 well drilled soldiers. The old education has been abandoned in favor of modern learning, and the establishment of new schools is being actively carried on. A strong upheaval of national feeling is making itself manifest in the popular demand, to which the government has lent a willing ear, for the retention of railway and mining concessions in Chinese hands. This new national spirit finds expression in the columns of a rapidly growing native press, which, edited for the most part by young students from Japan, is never weary of proclaiming the Empire's self-sufficiency. Students of Chinese conditions believe that in twenty years the country will have a modern standing force of a million strong, and equipped with arms and ammunition from the great government factories at Han-Kow.

China is setting her house in order. There is no lack of diligence, nor of intelligence. But Japan, possibly, desires the right to maintain the peace in the empire, in case the state falls a prey to intrigues, when "the present ruling mind is gone." That is, perhaps, what Viscount Hayashi means by his reference to putting the house

in order. That would exclude interference by any other country, except against the protest of Japan.

Undoubtedly the Japanese aim at the complete control of the affairs of eastern Asia. If they succeed in reaching the goal of their ambition, a new era will dawn upon the world. The foolish outcry against the transfer of our ships to the Pacific, only proves that some of those who claim to be the guides of public opinion, do not consider the possible developments in the Orient.

The idle of the people—the walking delegate.

The hot weather puts the cucumbers in a pickle.

Schmitz has named his supervisors. What is a name?

San Francisco is a lively example of how not to do it.

Spring poetry is bad but July poetry is midsummer madness.

It takes something besides coryphees to support a theatrical trust.

A horrible example—trying to figure out how to make both ends meet.

The chief trouble with justice is not its blindness but its slowness.

Will the government be able to smoke out the smokeless powder trust?

The peace conference is getting to be linked sweetness long drawn out.

Tolstoi predicts the downfall of the United States.

Georgia is to have prohibition. She will first have some protests and trouble.

Go to the outing camps and hear the loud laugh that speaks the vacation mind.

The chief of police has resigned. It is the most public spirited act of his career.

A New York policeman has just been dismissed for cowardice. Was he afraid to do wrong?

Why cannot passenger cars be run as frequently on the street railroad as freight cars are?

Corey says he will not resign from the steel trust presidency. May be Mabelle won't let him.

The young actress who committed suicide near Colorado Springs seems to have been a very Coey maiden.

Japan's course in Korea will not seem so harsh if it is remembered that it is preliminary to a benevolent assimilation.

The go-betweens in the San Francisco telephone franchise bribery cases are now catching it coming and going, as they should.

How can the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company be "unfair" when it engages as operators the fairest of the fair?

Boston is having an "old home week." Every son and daughter who is visiting the Hub is the descendant of a Mayflower passenger, no doubt.

The government has the biggest and most popular yellow press in the country. It just runs off yellowbacks, each number being worth from ten to twenty dollars.

A California fruit company has offered a "handsome prize" (whoever heard of any other kind?) for the best display of prunes at the approaching irrigation congress. That prize should be a lemon.

THE DANGER OF BATHING.

New York Times.

We learn with regret that a lady dwelling in a remote town of Colorado, while taking a bath in a stationary tub, raised her hand to an electric light fixture, intending to illuminate the proceeding, and her hand being wet, formed an electric circuit which shocked her to death. This illustrates anew the dangers of bathing. It seems only the other day that we read in a Canadian newspaper of a young person who, while bathing, slipped on a cake of soap and fell out of the window. No explanation of the architectural peculiarities of the house is given, but they must have been interesting. The bath has always been more or less dangerous, since long before Mark's day, but this Colorado incident adds a new horror to the bathing habit, and we trust that measures will be taken speedily to prevent a repetition of such a calamity. If the lady had been cautious enough to wear a rubber suit with gloves to match while bathing, she would have been completely insulated and could have laughed at danger. Or she might have contented herself with a humbler and less brilliant means of illumination, but then the difficulty of satisfactorily striking a match while bathing presents itself. We learn from the dispatch setting forth the sad particulars of the case that the bath was established by the hand of the lady coming in contact with the globe of the electric light. Globes are generally made of glass, and the incident thus becomes a cautionary one as well as a humanly lamentable.

TEMPERATURES AS FELT.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A climatological professor connected with Harvard writes on sensations of heat and cold, and makes the following deduction: that weather men can not exactly describe conditions because they vary from many causes. A reading of the thermometer elevated in the air is but a partial index to the situation in the streets or any confined spaces. The air currents, humidity, exposure to the sun, reflects heat, clothing and individual physical condition must all be taken into the account. In health the body maintains an even temperature, with two-thirds of the moisture passing off by means of the skin, by conduction, radiation and evaporation. Damp cold is harder to bear and so is damp heat. It is a wise citizen who knows how much heat he is conducting, radiating or evaporating, and no doubt knowledge of these details in precise figures is most useful. Men are said to be as old as they feel and women as old as they look, so a person may be said to be as hot or cold as he thinks he is. Looking at a thermometer is only an incomplete help. Science has a record of a man who remained twenty minutes in a dry temperature of 212 degrees, without boiling point. On the Red Sea 50 degrees is considered more oppressive than 115 in India's hot winds. The seasons of the year of the Harvard professor is that "the sensation of

temperature is the complex resultant of many variables," and that it depends upon "many physical and even mental conditions which differ in each individual case." A tranquil mind, proper clothing and diet, a cheerful spirit and sensible recreation are the best weather prescriptions, and a study of sensations is more to the point than one of meteorological instruments.

WHY NOT ABOLISH THE WRITTEN LAW.

New York World.

Gov. Vardaman of Mississippi in the Birdsong case decides that a woman is justified in murdering her paramour if he gets drunk and reveals their relations. Why not repeal the written law and depend entirely on the unwritten law? Then the country could dispense with the President and Congress, with Governors, Legislatures, judges, courts, sheriffs and police, while each person enacted his own law and enforced it with a shotgun. Why waste all this money on a superfluous thing like government?

JUST FOR FUN.

A Misleading Title.

An amusing story is told of the Bishop of Soder and Man's visit to Melton Nowbrak some months ago. A brougham awaited him at the station, and he stepped into it, expecting to be taken at once to his destination. To his surprise, however, the coachman sat motionless on the box, without the least intention, apparently, of leaving the station.

At last the Bishop inquired why he was waiting. "Well, sir," said the coachman, "I was told to wait for the Bishop of Soder and Man. You've arrived, sir, and now I'm waiting for the man."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Use of a Cane.

Sapleigh—I have awjust added another cane to me collection, doncher know.

Miss Cayenne—I hope for your sake, that canes will never go out of fashion. Sapleigh—Why do you—ah—say that? Miss Cayenne—Because if they do you will have no visible means of support.—Chicago News.

Learned His Art.

"Be careful with that razor, barber," spluttered the much-lathered patron; "you just dug a horseshoe curve in my chin."

"Excuse me sir," replied the barber, "but—er—you see, I used to work in a china factory."

"And what has that to do with it?"

"Why, that is what I learned to decorate mugs."—Chicago News.

Considerate.

The new barber sniffed at the contents of his coffee cup and set it down. "Well," queried the landlady in a peevish tone, "have you anything to say against the coffee?" "Not a word," calmly answered the new barber; "I never speak ill of the absent."—Chicago News.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Charles D. Stewart, best known for his "The Fugitive Blacksmith" and "Partners of Providence"—both of which proved his intimate acquaintance with the Mississippi and Missouri—has written for the August Century, the Midsummer Holiday Number, of "The Waterways of America." Mr. Stewart calls attention to the fact that while we have neglected and abandoned our waterways, England, Germany, France, Holland and Belgium are all contemplating further extension and improvement of the canal system. He claims that the Mississippi above Cairo is decadent, not for lack of ability to compete, but for lack of commerce, "which is to say, accessibility by means of its own tributaries," and has some interesting things to say about the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, completed in 1900 at a cost of fifty millions. As a clear, reliable, and suggestive representation of the past, present, and possible future of our waterways, the article is a valuable contribution to a subject of vital importance to every American.—33 East Seventeenth St., New York.

On reading the August issue of Current Literature one feels that the editors have succeeded in living up to their reputation. There is no subject that is touched upon in Current Literature without being illuminated. "Dark Horses of Democracy," the comments on the "Yellow Peril," "A Sketch for Uncle Sam at the Hague," and the "Overthrow of the German Court Camarilla" will make even the seasoned newspaper reader look up and take notice. "The Jezebel of China" and the strong and vital description of "This Man Darwin" are no longer journalistic, but literature. "Our Foremost Living American Writer," "American Heroes in Bronze and Marble," richly illustrated, "The Literary Madhouse of Modern Germany," and a searching study of Turgeneff, "the greatest of all novelists," in the literary section are equalled in strength by such articles as "The Essential Inducy of the Puritan Mind," "The Fascinations of the Pragmatic Method," and "Bernard Shaw's Solution of the Problem of Evil," under religious ethics. Debussy and the Music of Tomorrow," "The Verdict of the World on Tolstoi's Assault upon Shakespeare, and Nordica's Dream of an American Bayreuth," and the Music of the topics there discussed. Ticklishness as a Key to Human Evolution," "What the Human Race Owes to the Moon," "Especially as the Long-Suffering Cure for Cancer,"—some of the subjects treated under Science and Discovery.—41-43 West 25th St., New York.

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