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NON-PARTISAN WORK.

In this city and various other parts of Utah it is proposed to celebrate as "Statehood Day" next Wednesday, the 1st of August. On that date, as per the terms of the enabling act for the Territory's admission, recently passed and approved, the first step towards securing statehood will be taken. This is the putting forth a proclamation by the Governor, calling for the election next November of delegates from the various counties to a convention to be held in this city next March, which convention shall frame the constitution for the new state. The occasion is deemed appropriate for such festivity, enthusiasm and patriotism as may naturally be expected from a community so long kept in territorial leading strings, and now about to be entrusted with the full independence and sovereignty enjoyed by the several states of the Federal Union.

In this and every other aspect of the case, good sense and good taste demand that the proposed celebration be absolutely non-partisan. It is a time when men should meet, not as Democrats and Republicans and Populists, not as Mormons and Presbyterians and Catholics—but as patriots and citizens; when in the general joy and gratitude there should be no thought of narrow and selfish striving after political advantage, but wholesouled and earnest congratulation all round, with hearty appreciation of all elements and influences that have contributed to the happy result, and even generous forgiveness toward everything that in the past may have been opposed. Any attempt to make party capital or test partisan reward out of the occasion ought to be frowned down and defeated. Bigotry either in politics or religion should on that day be sternly rebuked. Where committees are to superintend the program provided, it is fitting, not only that they treat all parties and classes with fairness and consideration, but that in their own membership all should be represented. Only in this way can every suspicion of political advertising be removed; only in this way can the whole community be consistently invited to take part. For once let us try to smother, if we cannot forget, the issues and disputes and recriminations which—in all sorrow be it said—recent political campaigns have too abundantly developed among our citizens.

Similar advice will not be deemed inappropriate with reference to the make-up of the constitutional convention—even though that feature of our statehood program is some distance in the future. Any party that goes into the preliminary campaign with a desire to gobble and dominate, will make the mistake of its life. This much the News, with exceptional opportunities for knowing the sentiments of the people of Utah, can vouch for. What is wanted of the constitution-makers is an instrument under which all can live and prosper. Not all the talent and fairness and statesmanship are monopolized in any one party or creed; nothing could be more fatal to our future prospects or be more timeserve as an augury than for the new state to start out under a charter framed by a lot of men biased to their convictions and with only one or two narrow, disjointed ideas—especially if they all had the same few ideas and convictions. What Utah does want, and what she is entitled to, is the best judgment, the broadest liberality, the truest statesmanship—all embodied in a constitution, the product of her strongest and bravest sons, and to which her future children and future states may look with pride. The News takes this occasion to say that any clique or party that seeks to prevent the fullest and fairest representation of all classes of the community in the convention that frames our constitution will meet and must surely receive all the odium and the defeat that a disappointed and disgusted community knows how to give them.

COMES WITH THE LAW.

It is now probable that there will be a judicial determination of the city's power to give a bonus to any enterprise, by either direct or indirect methods. The question comes up in the injunction proceedings in the case of J. A. Cunningham vs Salt Lake City et al, joined as regards a number of other parties. The bond for which has been held inoperative, Thursday, not now will be postponed till after August 4 if, indeed, it does give as big a fee later proceeding will depend chiefly on whether or not the temporary injunction is made permanent. The court's order prevents the sale, at least until the date named, of the $12,000 in bonds which the City Council intended should go to the copper plant company, under an agreement made by a previous administration. This agreement, the plaintiff in the present case alleges, was illegal, and he asks the court to prevent the consummation of an unlawful act.

The legality of the City Council's action was questioned at the time the appropriation was made, and the mayor vetoed the ordinance, but was overruled. The News strongly took the position that the Council was exceeding its corporate power in using public funds in this way, the opinion is unchanged. It was shared in by a large portion of the people, who will be gratified to have the courts specifically define the corporate powers in this regard. Afterwards the money was appropriated ostensibly for land that was to be conveyed as a part of the copper plant bonus, the city to take the real estate and advance cash in lieu thereof, in order to secure the location of the copper plant here. It was admitted at the time that the corporation was not to receive $12,000 worth of land, either market value. The land business was merely "a blind," to comply with legal forms, the real purpose being for the city to guarantee $12,000 of the bonds in cash, and take whatever land might be conveyed, whether half that amount or less. Thus the appropriation actually was a contribution to the bonus fund. It is upon this state of affairs that the court will be asked to pass. If the city can appropriate money to a private enterprise, then the City Council's action will stand; if not it will not. That appears to be the crux of the legal problems involved.

Meanwhile the city is placed in an uncomfortable position in this matter; and more uncomfortable, perhaps, than in other cases that might be instanced, for the administration of the City Council which did this were will go down in history as having coupled with it acts of dishonor than any other that has disrupted municipal affairs here. By having the matter so over so long, the city was in a measure bound in honor to consummate what carrying out the pledge given in a reckless and probably illegal manner; hence the action of the present City Council, which realized that the copper plant people had been led to believe they would receive $12,000 on the way to the $100,000 bonus promised them, and of which they have received less than $40,000.

Now that the question has been raised in the courts, it is to be settled without sentiment one way or the other, not upon the strict letter of the law. No matter what sentiment exists relative to paying the money to the copper plant, the statutory provisions must control. If there are against the former Council's action, as many people think, then that action must be repudiated. Afterwards, a strict compliance with the law is the only honorable course to the premises; and whatever there is of disappointment or wounded pride should be charged against the City Council whose disregard of law precipitated the case but to the present condition. Let the business be settled quickly and for all time, one way or the other!

WELLMAN'S EXPEDITION.

Advices from Norway are to the effect that Mr. Wellman's Arctic expedition probably is lost. The supposition is founded on statements made by returning sailors, according to which the unusual low and density of the pack ice this summer would absolutely prevent intel to the vessel which bore the enterprising newspaper man and his followers towards the unexplored regions. They believe that the Ragnvald Jarl has been crushed and that the catastrophe must have been so sudden as to prevent the daring travelers from setting themselves, or—if they have escaped with their lives—from an ice floe—rendering them already destitute of food and other necessary provisions.

The publisher of the Chicago Herald, who defrays the expenses of the expedition, however, thinks there is no cause for alarm. The understanding was, he says, that the Ragnvald Jarl should wait somewhere near the edge of the ice barrier to message from the island to be conveyed to Tromsoe in Norway, and to inform the news. The vessel has not returned to signal that she is held somewhere in impenetrable ice, and ordinary sense has every gone, making for home, leaving, while the party is passing onward. The understanding was that the Ragnvald Jarl should return some time between July 15 and August 1, and if she is delayed even what that is no immediate cause of anxiety.

As well acquainted with the sturdy Scandinavian nature of Norway knows that particular of Bennet in America knows are not wrecks. They are not. They are adventurous with a political sense of caution. Most of them are veteran campaigners. They are used to long voyages, to long sojourns in the wilds of ice and snow, and they need no rescue in their period of hardship, seeking high latitudes and returning again to Norway with our expectation of reaching the pinnacle of success. Hence they are indeed to regard anything "Scandinavian" as wonderful for the practical conditions of polar regions. For this reason it is not strange that they should pronounce the attempt of an American newspaper man a failure from the outset. Some of them have already given up Nansen, their own countryman, as lost, just as they, while Nansen was early wintering in some polar harbor, predicted that he would never be heard from any more. It is therefore much too early to accept the conclusions of these good Belsen and Nansen, so to the disastrous termination of the expedition, until they produce some tangible proofs of its accident.

Walter Wellman set out from Tromsoe on May 1. On reaching Dane's Island, off the north west coast of Spitzbergen, a man was left to guard the provisions that had up to now it should become necessary to winter on that island. For the success of his undertaking he relies mainly on his aluminum boats which are so constructed that they can be used as sledges as well as boats. Mr. Wellman calculated to return in November, after having made measurements a hold "cash on the pole."

NAUTICAL AND SHORE MILES.

A gentleman sends the following inquiry: "What is a knot, and what the speed in land miles of the new cruiser Minneapolis, which made an average of 23.07 knots per hour on her trial trip the other day?"

A geographical or land mile is 6,280 feet; a knot or nautical mile is 6,086.27 feet—or 200 feet 3 1-3 inches more. A calculation will show that if the Minneapolis made 23.07 knots per hour, her speed in statute miles would be 26.565. At this rate she is the swiftest war vessel afloat, and her skim behind the Campania and Lucania, built expressly for speed, and the fastest ocean steamers in existence. The Minneapolis was to have made, by the terms of her contract, 21 knots per hour, and for exceeding this, at the rate of $50,000 for each quarter knot, the earnings for her builders $40,000. Her speed for 23.07 knots, the pressure was offered to secure the highest possible speed in a vessel of the cruiser's weight and dimensions, and the Cramps, who built her, have been eminently successful in this direction.

For another comparison of the relative speed of the new vessel, in land miles, it may be cited that the distance between this city and Provo is 45 miles, and is made in two hours by regular passenger trains. The average by the Minneapolis of 26½ miles per hour would cover the distance in the two hours with five minutes to spare, when the stopping time of the trains, so that the speed of the new cruiser is but little less than the average speed of the railway trains south—pretty quick travel through the water.

A GOOD WOMAN GONE.

In the demise of Sister Caroline M. C. Smith, at Logan, there has passed away one of the most devoted women of this community. Possessed of bright intellectual attainments, a lovely disposition and an earnest determination that her life should be for the good and the true, her career has been one of gratifying success in the attainment of its object. As a mother she did all that a woman could do to make home happy and give the example of a worthy life to her children; as a wife she was a faithful partner to her husband, whose latter-day relations may be comprehended in the remark made by him not long since, that he had never seen a frown on her face; as a worker among the young ladies in Cache stake, with whose organization she was intimately associated, her public service was of inestimable value. From earliest childhood she was always on the side of right, faithful and devoted to the cause of truth. We deeply sympathize with Brother Orson Smith and family and relatives, in their great bereavement, and may He who doeth all things well bring to them that comfort which can come only from the Divine source.

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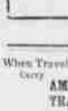

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