

THE DUBOIS CAMPAIGN.

The Dubois fight in Idaho against American principles is the subject of extended editorial comment by the press of the Gem state. Many of the influential papers condemn the tactics of the ex-Senator and declare that the issue upon which he is waging his warfare is not a legitimate political issue. What the papers say of Dubois' campaign is very largely applicable to the abnormal situation in this city, for which another ex-Senator is entirely responsible.

The Lewiston Tribune, of July 31, refutes some of the slanders of the Semitar. That paper points out that the Latter-day Saints, so far from practicing crime, are orderly, temperate, thrifty. Their towns and villages, schools, churches, societies and even their cleanliness show it. The court records, jails and prisons show it. There is less crime and less lawlessness among the Mormon people than among any other sect." Then it says:

"There has never been a more perverse and fraudulent campaign ever planned than that which Dubois has been waging. He has been waging a campaign of personal persuasion and misrepresentation. He has been waging a campaign of the Democratic party to the rejection of which now constitutes the issue within the party. Moreover, either know this is true or do not care whether it is true or not. They continue to vote for Dubois not because they adhere to his fraudulent Mormon issue but because they prefer to stand by the existing party organization or because they like Dubois and want to help him win, no matter what the issue is. Such is the plain fact of it."

"Meantime, with Nero fiddling while Rome is burning, while Dubois raves over his Mormon issue, the state seems to be in a fair way to be given over to spoils, jobs and official lawlessness of the rankest sort. . . . The Tribune has deemed it proper to state the case thus plainly in order that the public may understand why it has become necessary to reduce Mr. Dubois from leadership in case this is accomplished, and in case it is not accomplished, why there will be heavy defection from a policy that thoughtful Democrats do not believe in but abhor."

The Lewiston Tribune is a Democratic paper and writes from that point of view.

The Boise Capital-News, another Democratic influential journal, denounces the Dubois tactics as "political villainy." The paper, in its issue of July 31, says:

"The announcement of the state committee from Kootenai county that he would refuse to abide by the resolution adopted by a vote of five to one in the county convention of that county, because the resolution does not comply with the demands of Boas Dubois shows the character of the attitude of the Dubois people in this contest. . . . 'Professing they are making a fight for enforcement of law, the sanctity of the home and for decency, yet actually they are violating all political laws of decency, propriety and fair play and showing such a disregard for public opinion and ideas of morals, as has never before been seen in this state. . . . The Kootenai county example is not the only one. Ada county's convention elected a state committee to fill an alleged vacancy. That committee was denied the right to sit in the committee in favor of a Dubois appointee. Ada county elected a state committee and a new chairman of the committee, yet the old chairman is clothed by the Dubois with authority, not only to represent the county committee, but even to perform the duties of a county convention in the appointment of delegates, which appointment they profess to believe has greater authority than the actual election by the county convention. . . . It is proposed to seat and unsent delegates wholly with regard to their willingness to show subservience to the demands of one man, regardless of the expressed wishes of the majority of the Democrats of the state. Kootenai county, after a square fight up to the hilt, has declared in overwhelming manner for a certain thing. A subservient and politically dishonest committee, proposes to set aside that expressed wish. Ada county expressed its views in a greater and more emphatic manner yet a man can be found who pretends to have the authority to set aside that will, and other men can be found who are willing to become beneficiaries of his usurpation. . . . And it is all done in the name of decent government."

"As between the dangers of a conscienceless dictator and usurper and his subservient followers willing to do his dishonest bidding, and sporadic lawlessness, if the state has to accept either, the boss and his fellows are more dangerous to the nation, the state and the homes. . . . But there is yet no reason to accept either horn of the dilemma."

The Rexburg Current Journal, though Republican, in its issue of July 26, gives his sound advice:

"The Democrats who are appointed from Fremont county to attend the convention at Wallace, should make it a point to be present. None of them can afford to miss this opportunity of assisting in the overthrow of Dubois, Jackson and the rest of his gang. They have done all they could to wreck the party. It is an opportunity now to eliminate their influence. The issue that they have been harping on so long should not enter into this campaign. It has been settled for years, and it is the height of folly to keep holding it up for discussion. There hasn't been a polygamous marriage in Idaho for years. Everybody is aware of that and it certainly seems to us that the Democrats ought to close it up for good and all. That is what the Mormons have done."

The Shoshone Journal, of July 31, treats the matter in a rather jocular manner, thus:

"The Democratic-Dubois situation in Idaho is similar to the situation in a certain Presbyterian congregation which contained a disturbing member who had previously disrupted two other congregations in the same community. The Presbyterian congregation

called a session of prayer and the good brother who delivered the opening prayer said, 'Oh Lord we pray Thee to take from out midst this night our offending brother, and take him straight to hell.' The congregation at once demanded an explanation as it did not endorse the sentiment of the prayer. The good brother who had delivered the prayer said in defense, 'I am right and you have misunderstood me. Let me explain. Did not this brother come to our city and join the Methodists and bust their congregation? Then did he not join the Baptist congregation and bust it? Then he joined our congregation and has busted it? Then let us send him to hell and bust that place also. Recently the Idaho Democrats held a session of prayer at Boise over the Dubois situation and the same prayer was offered and in explanation it was argued that Dubois had busted the Republicans in Idaho, then the Free Silver party then the Populists and now had the Democrats seeking divine help. Why not send him where he can bust the final resting place of all evil?'"

The general sentiment seems to be that there can be no co-operation between any truly American party in Idaho and the Dubois following, as long as Dubois insists on making war upon a church under the cover of "politics." Democrats and Republicans alike, true to the principles of the early standard-bearers of those parties, demand not only that the contest between the parties be kept within the legitimate political boundaries, but also that the bitterness and hatred incidental to religious battles fought by bigots be eliminated. The real problem in Idaho, as in Utah, is not "Mormonism," but anti-"Mormonism." It is anti-"Mormonism" that has been injected into the political discussion, by agitators who hope to climb to heaven on that frail bean-stalk. Let an effort be made to eliminate anti-"Mormonism" from politics, for when that is done there is no problem in Idaho, nor in Utah, except such as are found in other states. American citizens could well afford to co-operate in putting down and consigning anti-"Mormonism" to its last resting place. That would mean peace on earth and good will toward men.

A PECULIAR VIEW.

Mayor Bransford is quoted as having said that, after consultation with "men of wide experience" in questions relating to the "red light" district, and careful reading of authorities, he has come to the conclusion that prostitution is a "necessary evil," and for that reason he claims the right, as Mayor, to deal with it "in the way that seem to me best," meaning, as is further clear from the purported interview, that the removal of the district to the West Side, against the protests of property owners, is the very best thing that can be done.

If the Mayor is quoted correctly, he has certainly expressed a peculiar opinion, from an official point of view. It is the duty of a mayor to "see that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed." He is not the law-maker. He has no discretion in the matter of the execution of laws and ordinances. It is his sworn duty to see that they are faithfully executed, as they are, and not as seems best to him.

According to the laws and ordinances, it is an offense to keep a house of ill-fame, or to own such a house, or to act as agent for the owner, or to let any tenement, "knowing that the lessee intends using the same, or any part of it, for immoral purposes." The Mayor can, therefore, not give his consent to the erection of buildings for immoral purposes in any part of the city, without violating his oath of office. He can, in fact, have no official knowledge of the existence of any such houses. If he has been consulted about the removal of the district to another part of the city, he must have made it clear to those who consulted him, that houses of ill-fame cannot exist, legally, anywhere in the city, and that, therefore, his advice must be not to try to ignore the law. As mayor of this city he cannot have promised keepers of houses of ill-fame immunity from the law.

He may be of the opinion that the evil is "necessary," in the sense that immorality cannot be entirely eradicated, and he is entitled to that opinion, but that does not give him discretionary power in the matter of issuing permits, directly or indirectly, to keepers of houses of ill-fame. If he believes the evil is "necessary" he might use his influence for such changes in the law as he may deem expedient, but as long as the law remains as it is, the duty of the Mayor and the police is to protect the citizens and execute the law. And if this duty is not performed, we have no doubt the citizens can find redress in the courts.

A FORM OF MANIA.

Two automobile accidents in Philadelphia in one day, with the killing of two prominent men and the serious injury of another; the collision of an automobile with a street car in Chicago, with one person fatally and several others slightly injured; and the critical condition of an eleven-year-old girl in Minneapolis, L. L., as a result of losing control of the machine—these are three out of the daily harvest of news items from automobile accidents thought important enough to be reported by the Associated Press last Saturday.

The fast driving of automobiles seems to be fraught with danger and death. It is remarkable how quickly the owners of these huge road engines learn to take risks to themselves and others, by essaying dangerous turns and venturing upon an amazing speed that competes with that of the locomotive engines on good rail tracks.

It is a form of mania. No person entirely sane would take such risks as those daily witnessed even on the wide and comparatively safe streets of Salt Lake City.

The actual accidents do not reveal the extent of the mischief. We have heard drivers relate their experience during their amateur performances. The tension of the nerves of the drivers, the palpitation of the heart experienced by passenger and even by on-lookers, these are some of the things added to the strain and stress of modern life, and tending to accelerate nervous breakdowns and heart failure, but never reported as part of the death list from the crash for reckless automobilism.

We have heard one professional man

say that learning to drive his machine was an occupation so serious and dangerous as to affect his health and even to endanger an otherwise robust constitution.

Slow-going Britain does not entirely escape this new scourge, but her proportion of automobile accidents seems to be far less than ours.

Consul Walter C. Hamm, at Hull, sends the following summary of motor accidents and prosecutions occurring in Great Britain in April of this year and compares it with April of 1907. It will be seen that in every instance but one there has been a large increase, the figures for the same month in the respective years being as follows:

The accidents numbered 55 and 87 respectively; the persons killed, 15 and 25; injured, 25 and 49; motorists summoned, 158 and 210; motorists convicted, 141 and 201, besides 54 in each corresponding month convicted for driving dangerously; for exceeding the speed limit, 74 and 118; motorists convicted for other offenses, 13 and 19.

In six of the fatal accidents the motorists were blamed, while of the other accidents, in seven cases the injured persons were subsequently awarded damages, and in ten cases the drivers were fined. There were four more instances of cars running away after causing accidents. The Consul says the British public is becoming concerned over the increasing number of these accidents. It is probable that stricter laws governing the running of motor cars will be passed in the near future, intended to lessen, if not entirely prevent, such accidents.

We suspect that Americans show a greater tendency to recklessness than do the mass of the drivers in European countries. The form of mental aberration developing among the owners of automobiles seems to require a somewhat heroic treatment. Human life is too precious to be continuously risked by this form of temporary insanity.

A bargain sale is a sort of buy-product.

Even in Turkey they talk through their hatt.

The fastest automobile isn't always the best thing going.

Launching a party is very different from a launch party.

A rolling stone gathers moss as well as it gathers anything else.

Even on an asphalt pavement the way of the transgressor is hard.

With most men ambition takes the form of building castles in Spain.

Nevada is assuming first place in the hearts of those who seek divorces.

"We always look for cool nights in August." But we do not always find them.

There is no true test of happiness. If it has to be tested, it isn't happiness.

Misery loves company best when company patiently listens to its tale of woe.

Blessings in disguise are all right, but they are more welcome without the disguise.

The good trusts are those that raise the wages of employees and do not raise the price of their products.

Campaign speaking into a phonograph should have about the same effect on a man as working off bad karma.

Campaign speeches are accepted by managers, but they are not the kind of contributions that are mostly sought after.

Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance will contain just 5,300 words, by exact count. As Francisco said, "For this relief, thank thanks."

Judge Taft has explained how he came to be called "Bill." It was not through any legal document, but was a sort of bill of exceptions.

The county horticultural inspector reports that the weather has been favorable alike to trees, insects and tree diseases. That comes very near to being a fair field and no favor.

Call any method for doing anything "scientific" and a whole lot of silly people forthwith will band themselves together to put it in practice and to persuade or force people to adopt it.

The City has a new fire chief. He was not selected from the department, which seems to show that the Mayor has not much confidence in it. It will tend to unite the department, but it will scarcely be in behalf of his Honor.

There is some complaint about the rule of the street car company that there shall be no smoking on the front platform (a most salutary rule for those inside the car). All rules are unreasonable to those who wish to break them.

The indomitable, the most powerful battalions in the world averaged nearly twenty-six knots an hour from Quebec to Cowes. Uncle Sam is building some fast torpedo boat destroyers that will be guaranteed to make twenty-three miles an hour. As a builder of fast naval craft he is a bit slow.

THOUGHT FORCES.

Orison Sweet Marden in Success.

There is nothing truer than that "we can make ourselves over by using and developing the right kind of thought forces." Not long since a young man whom I had not seen for several years called on me, and I was amazed at the tremendous change in him. When I had last seen him he was pessimistic, discouraged, almost despairing; he had soured on life, lost confidence in human nature and in himself. During the interval he had completely changed. The sullen, bitter expression that used to characterize his face was replaced by one of joy and gladness. He was radiant, cheerful, happy, hopeful. The young man had married a cheerful, optimistic wife, who had the happy faculty of laughing him out of his "blues" and melancholy, changing the tenor of his thoughts, cheering him

up and making him put a higher estimate on himself. His removal from an unhappy environment, together with his wife's helpful influence and his own determination to make good, had all worked together to bring about a revolution in his mental make-up. The love principle and the use of the right thought force had very much made a new man of him. It is a fortunate man who early learns the secret of scientific brain building, and who acquires the inestimable art of holding the right suggestion in his mind, so that he can triumph over the dominant note in his environment when it is unfriendly to his highest good.

UNDER WHICH FLAG.

London Spectator.  
Our Parisian contemporary, L'Opinion, lately published an amusing story in illustration of the uncertainty of the political situation in Morocco. A Frenchman addressed a letter to "His Majesty, the Sultan of Morocco," and committed it to the postoffice. A few days later it was returned, indorsed "Insufficiently addressed!" The French postoffice is apparently not going to take the responsibility of deciding who is the sultan. We cannot help thinking that it would be wise for the French foreign office and war office to adopt a similar course.

TO FLY LIKE BIRDS.

Pittsburg Dispatch.  
To fly as the birds fly is a problem which Henry Farman, the English aeroplanist, hopes to solve during the experiments he will make at Brighton Beach. "We have to learn how to balance ourselves as the birds do," he said today. "A flying bird recovers its balance automatically when he is tipped to one side by an air current. The Wright brothers have worked on the problem of balance; so have I. I believe I have found the secret, but I have not yet been able to make a conclusive test of the device."

JUST FOR FUN.

A Modern Want.

"You are a poor young man!"  
"I am."  
"Then what you want is a thrifty, economical wife."  
"Not at all. What I want is a rich, liberal wife."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

... Another Critic of the Courts.

"Wurst I got a dollar a word."  
"G'wan!"  
"Fact. Fer talking back to a judge."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Higher Life.

"Why don't you go to work instead of begging and boozing?"  
"I will, boss, as soon as there's an openin' in my trade. An' I ain't got long to wait now, nuther."  
"What is your trade?"  
"I'm a truckdriver for aeroplane lines."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Titled Privilege.

"There's one thing I can't understand," said Mr. Cumrox.  
"What is that?"  
"How mother and the girls can approve so heartily of my son-in-law's broken English and be so terribly annoyed at my occasional mistakes in grammar."—Washington Star.

A Crying Need.

There appears to be crying need of a law that will make some of our other laws lawful.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Juvenile.

This man Castro appears to be a knee-pants diplomatist.—Detroit News.

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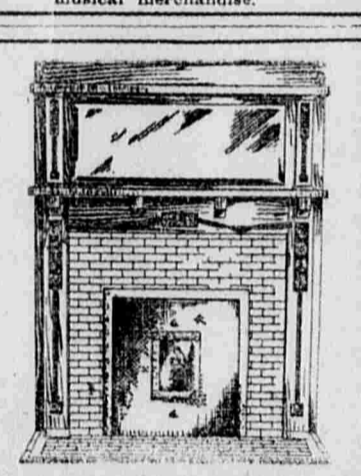
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