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## OUR MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Early in November next, the qualified voters of this and every other city in the State will elect municipal officers whose term of service will begin on the first day of January following. Although the issue of these elections be on means comparing with that of a general election, even when they are all considered together, it still remains that to each city the matter is one of more consequence than those which occur in the even-numbered years. There are several reasons for this, chief among which is the fact that the contest and the interest thereof affect seriously only a place where they are held, whereas in all other elections such places are affected as only a part and parcel of the whole commonwealth. Distinctively local affairs require distinctively local consideration and all parties in interest should be interested.

In no place in our state is the issue of more consequence than here in Salt Lake City, this not only because ours is a much larger and consequently more difficult place to handle than any of the others, but for various reasons. The magnitude of our municipal obligations, extent and prospective, together with the means required to keep pace therewith, are matters of so much importance that unusual ability and experience are needed to prevent the situation from becoming a crisis. It is one of those situations which require a tact and a degree of statesmanship such as are usually looked for in national rather than in merely local councils, and even with the best of ability which can be brought to bear upon city affairs we are not apt to be extricated from the Slough of Despond for some time to come, if at all during this generation. What, then, would be our most likely position with the old combined and machine-made office holders, men who were given the places more because of blind and rank fealty to any particular political organization than for reasons of any special or peculiar fitness?

It is not only our fiscal affairs that need consideration, though these amiddle and in some manner influence most of the other propositions. There is, for instance, the question of police protection. Being deeply in debt and drawing upon the taxpayers until the limit has been reached, if not passed, it will remains that the protective power at hand for whatever service is indispensable to the proper safeguarding of the citizen. To enlarge the constabulary department means so much more expense which must not be thought of if there be any other possible course. Some even the equal reader see in this situation a condition of things which calls for such consideration as partisanship would not be likely to bring to a head. Only are others, many of them.

The Nation can not see any way out of the difficulty, and it does not see it alone. It is gratified to know that men of all parties and varied social distinctions look upon the dilemma and the alienation thereof in the same light that the News does. To obtain a proper view of the field it is first necessary to know what is not to be seen, and the first thing that occurs in this category is the political status which some few have tried to create. There is not a political question at issue and it would be quite impossible for the ardent and most responsible party man to point one out. This being the case and the white ribbon demonstration the best evidence of an unanimity, why not act accordingly and select our public servants in accordance with the demands of the place and the fitness of the person to matter that has aught political or religious in contingent?

Those who think this paper has any axe to grind, any fear to polish, friends to reward or interests to promote other than are or should be everybody's are greatly mistaken. We hope for the best for all classes in this and every other public matter and to such end will diligently be found working till the contest is over.

## A GRATIFYING EVENT.

To the Latter-day Saints it is a most gratifying event to learn that the venerable and beloved President of the Church, President Wilford Woodruff has regained his health so far as to be able to address the congregation in the Tabernacle at each South and with such vigor as he did on Sunday. By the divine blessing he has recuperated from an illness which was very severe upon a person of his greatly extended years, and the sincere wish of the Saints is that he will be permitted to associate with them in mortality for many years to come.

Today the Deseret News presents to its readers the full text of the sermons and testimony of President Wilford Woodruff, uttered at Sunday afternoon's meeting. Every Latter-day Saint who realizes the severness of certain trials in Zion's cause, knows that President Woodruff's words are those of an Apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ. As such they are of vital importance to the whole world, and especially to the Latter-day Saints, who have had the benefit of the advice of his inspiration and authority. These words should be carefully pondered over by every Latter-day Saint; they should be read and and interpreted from all the congregations of the Saints, that every member of the Church may have the opportunity of listening to and profiting by this pointed and powerful testimony of President Wilford Woodruff concerning the mighty work which God is causing to be wrought upon the earth in these days.

## A FACULTY OF LEADERSHIP.

Discussing Mr. Bryan's prospects for the Nomination of the Democratic party three years hence, the Springfield Republican goes into a clever dissertation on political geometry—that space point that has never yet deceived the wise statesman. Bryan is a point which makes up a very small part of the thought of the average politician, and there is no risk in commenting that in order to secure success Mr. Bryan need not always face the same way. It was Taylor who said he could "change his front without changing his ground," and he did so as at least one great member of the Democratic party and Democracy are giving examples of self-reversal in policy and principle, either from conviction or a purely cutthy motive. Bismarck is a notable instance, yet one who has earned universal statesmanship further than almost any other man. Among leading Americans we have Jefferson, the student of constitutionalists buying Louisiana without saying a word to Congress or getting a particle of authority; Calhoun repudiating protection and becoming a free-trader as soon as the question of slavery became prominent; while Webster on the other hand reversed free trade and became a protectionist as soon as New England manufacturing took its first great start after the war of 1812. Charles Sumner delivered some of the grandest speeches against war, yet in the Alabama claims controversy with England he was ready and eager to fight on the seas, of Irving Abendmann, Mr. Cleveland was the first winner in 1884 but during several years past he has been his bitterest opponent; and Mr. Cleveland, who in 1892 defeated the cost of Democratic loyalty and virtue as centering of supremacy in the destinies of the nationals within the party, came out in 1896 in support of a platform and candidate that was so outstanding from the regular party's work.

Mr. Bryan has therefore precedent enough for any change in attitude he may see fit to assume. He is young and there even there has been no lack of political success. Moreover, it may not even be necessary perhaps that he should attempt to face the home as he has made his last contest. It is that issues to be the absorbing issue, however, the best leader will have to bend up and blind this prominence some other issue on which to face the country. Has Mr. Bryan the sagacity and statesmanship to do that?

## THE ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

Today, August 30, is the date for the conference of labor leaders in St. Louis, at which questions of vital importance will be considered in connection with the great strike in the coal mining region of the middle West. What the outcome of the conference will be, it is difficult to prognosticate. But there is not likely to be any sympathetic strike, as the country will be saved from that danger. On the other hand, unless something is done to assume in the settlement of the strike the conditions for which the miners complain, there is but a little way for the latter to go before resorting to violence and possible civil war to seek redress of their grievances. Whatever may be said of the unwisdom and futility of strikes, the laborers in that part of the country are sorely oppressed in their wages and toil, and if there is no relief given through peaceable operations, a violent outbreak will inaugurate some conditions. At best, the outlook is ominous of serious trouble in the near future. Deferring it a few months or even years, without means for redressing the wrong, will only make matters worse when the catchwriting point is reached.

## POLITENESS PREVAILS.

It is extremely gratifying to continental people to know that the disposition is now which prompts him to be courteous is not falling off, but rather increasing. Pinnfeeness, strong perspicuity and the advance social in whatever lines of life are disposed to lose sight of the more technical forms of politeness and to forget those by page the manner in correct deportment which they acquired in their earlier days, but so long as the entire contract to be civil and including is called for remains, the more substantial form of good conduct remains and in each case is a meritorious.

Kentucky is a state which is noted for the unclouded hospitality of its people, and this is generally displayed in an unostentatious unaffected manner which is free and and substance of good behavior. But we said that area (politics, which is also literally contract there, is done in an unusual a manner that the subject is left nothing in it desire. For instance, last December, the Kentucky Legislature, which was not visible the society of Commons day by their act, but considerably called till 2 30 next day before adjourning themselves to the deservable, but necessary task. Even has great consideration is said to have been shown for the relations made in the private. The report says that "he was after about time to pay." But when he had finished his petition the leaders presented resolutions and he was attended to death. Here during the operation of chasing the alleged murderer to death so disturbance occurred. The dispatch states that "the crowd was the most polite and orderly, perhaps, ever assembled in the state, and few instances have been having business to be politely spoken in the line knew anything of it."

The regard for decorum and the constant disposition to keep in line with the proprieties seen on occasions of a kind like the incident, it would merely an incident. There is nothing the going about things in a "quiet, orderly and peaceable manner," even though the thing done happens to be an outrage upon the law and a mockery to the name of justice.

Fourteen states have been honored with the commandership of the Grand Army of the Republic, and some of them have had several terms of the office. In the selection of General Stone last Thursday for the coming year, Connecticut gets the place for the fifth time; Illinois has had it five times, Massachusetts four, New York three, Rhode Island, Ohio, Nebraska and Wisconsin two each. New Hampshire has never been recognized in that way, and that state sent 32,000 men or one-tenth of its entire population, to the front during the Nation's crisis.

The Denver Post remarks that "the round numbers there are seven hundred manufacturing establishments in the city of Denver. The annual product of these industries is now about forty millions of dollars." It goes to be admitted that Denver is a good place to sell Lake in saying such an excellent example of outstanding home industry.

Archbishop Ireland, who was a chaplain in the war, made a speech at the Grand Army encampment in Buffalo last week, in which he said that "if I do be blessed did not fight to make others do so, are presuming to the soldiers for. Which is but for the rebels or the Left will insist in but some day for Left." Conservative Christianity is frequently a most excellent thing.

Count Emil Pelaldea, a Spanish supporter of Don Carlos, says Spain will not consent to the independence of Cuba, while the Cubans had "a mere of a power left." But the Cubans may well wait for the loss dynamite's good not to other the independence or the power, if the latter is within an easy reach as the former seems to be.

For many years the two-ahoma point in politics and pooling has been looked upon as the arena of boresheds performance. Now that Star Pointer has turned the tide, it is probable the record will remain there for a long time to come, since such magnificent performances are difficult to surpass.

A prominent scientific authority on tobacco says they begin to mature at eight months old. That authority evidently has not been a teacher, or he would have taken attendance of theory.

The assertion that good crops this year is the sole cause of prosperity is not by the fact that good crops other years did not produce similar results. The conclusion seek is rather transparent.

If the promise that Copper River, Alaska, will develop to be a better region for gold than Klondike, "Salt River" may lose its popularity among warmest politicians.

The train also paid for the benefits of Shaker Tablets the Klondike discovery is to a fair way to get his money's worth of litigation over the property.

New Nebraska reports having found the "missing link" horse. It was to be expected that that state would guess very near the head of the race.


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