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TWO SEPARATE SPHERES.

An anti-Church print violently assails our assertion that there never was "Mormon rule," or "ecclesiastical rule," in this State, or City. We are referred to Mr. Whitney's History for proof to the contrary. But that excellent and thoroughly reliable source of information on Utah confirms the position of the "News" on this point. Even when the large majority of people here were identified with the Church, and Church members, consequently, held most of the offices, they did not perform their civic duties as members of the Church, but as American citizens. It is important to understand this distinction. And we may say that those who do not know that a member of a church can fill a civic office as an American citizen without unduly mixing the duties he owes to one institution with those he owes to the other, have yet to learn one of the fundamental principles of American government.

President Young, at one time, was the Governor of the State. But he did not govern the State as President of the Church, nor preside over the Church as Governor of the State. The two offices were separate, just as if administered by two different individuals. In the same way, though Church members have been influential members of the legislatures, of county commissions, or city councils, or members of the judiciary, yet the affairs of the Church and the State have been kept entirely separate. The Church has been under ecclesiastical rule and the State, or community, under civil rule. This we maintain as an incontrovertible truth. It is highly misleading to represent Utah in the past as under "Mormon" or ecclesiastical, or "hierarchal" rule, from which it was necessary to "redeem" it. That kind of "redemption" is worthy only of a Don Quixote who is crazy enough to mistake windmills for giants.

When the Latter-day Saints first came to Utah in 1847, their first attention was, necessarily, given to the creation of means of existence here. It was a portion of the Church that came to Utah, and the first organization was, naturally, ecclesiastical. But as early as in the spring of 1849 a call for a convention was issued, to consider the political needs of the people. "Utah's political history begins with the opening of the spring of 1849," (Whitney's History Utah, page 289). There was then an ecclesiastical organization. If the leaders of the Church had considered that organization political as well as ecclesiastical, as their opponents would have us believe, they would hardly, at that early date, have called a convention for the organization of a state. But they issued that call as American citizens, and they addressed it to "all the citizens of that portion of Upper California lying east of the Sierra Nevada mountains," and not only to Church members. Can there be any stronger proof for our contention that the Latter-day Saints have always made proper distinction between affairs ecclesiastical and political?

At the convention which was held in March, 1849, a committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the future state. In the preamble to this document it was expressly acknowledged that "civil government and laws are necessary for the security, peace, and prosperity of society;" also that "it is a fundamental principle in all republican governments that all political power is inherent in the people, and governments instituted for their protection, security, and benefit should emanate from the same." Section 2 of Article VIII declares that, "All political power is inherent in the people; and all free governments are founded in their authority, and instituted for their benefit; therefore, they have an inalienable and indefeasible right to institute government; and to alter, reform, and totally change the same, when their safety, happiness and the public good shall require it."

This represents the views held by the Latter-day Saints from the beginning of the political history of Utah. These views they carried with them across the trackless desert. This is the rule by which they have been guided, and by which they are guided now, in spite of all assertions to the contrary.

DEBT AND POPULATION.

The financial operations by which the indebtedness of New York has been increased beyond the half-billion mark have been referred to as worthy of imitation. It has been argued that the enterprise shown in borrowing money is sure to attract settlers. New York dispatches say that city is losing population now.

In 1860 the debt of New York was only \$19,000,000, and the population was between 800,000 and 900,000. By 1868 the net debt was nearly thirty-six millions; it rose to more than sixty-one millions in 1870 and in 1876 was about one hundred and fifteen millions. Then there was a decline to eighty-nine millions in 1885, which was followed by gradual increase up to 1897. Owing to the creation of Greater New York the debt increased from \$187,363,716 in 1897 to \$246,626,584 in 1898. Last year the half-billion figure was passed. No more money was coming from New York that is losing population. Not many, but tenants are moving to the country. It is thought that Manhattan

may suffer a loss of 50,000 inhabitants this year. Owners of houses are beginning to feel the change severely. Rents are falling.

Our City should be conservative in the matter of increasing its indebtedness. Progress is all right, but the pace that kills is not conducive to progress.

STILL NO LIGHT.

We are still in the dark—except as far as we may indulge in surmises—as to the real motive of the censure expressed through the columns of a morning contemporary, of the "News" article a week ago on Taft and Bryan, and this morning's editorial in the Herald does not throw any new light on the mystery. The "News," in venturing the guess that Mr. Taft will be elected, and expressing the opinion that, if elected, he will make an excellent executive, committed itself no more to partisanship than many other independent journals of the country, and some recognized Democratic papers, did in their comments on the Chicago nomination.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer, classed as an Independent Democratic, says: "The nomination of William H. Taft for president of the United States is undoubtedly one of the important events of world history of 1908. It is important because of the likelihood of his election, and because as a making of a ruler for America [an undemocratic expression] is a matter of consequence to all the countries of the earth. . . . William H. Taft is undoubtedly qualified for the position of president of the United States."

According to the peculiar logic directed against the "News," the Cleveland Plain Dealer, by venturing a guess about the "likelihood of his [Mr. Taft's] election," and asserting that he is qualified for the position of president, "abandoned its position" as an independent Democratic paper and became a Republican organ. And there are many other independent journals that passed through a similar catastrophe if our morning contemporary is correct.

The entire incident illustrates, we believe, a condition that is very much deplored by all conservative citizens. Through the anti-Church agitation that has been going on here for years in the interest of a regular plunderbund, an element of suspicion and bitterness has filled the hearts of men and women of all parties, and, as a consequence, improper motives are looked for where there are none; interpretations, entirely unwarranted, are given to words and deeds, that in any other section of this Republic would be taken as a matter of course and cause no comment. But for this peculiar condition there would be less strife in this beautiful region.

A HANDSOME EDITION.

The special edition of the Provo Enquirer on the occasion of the Strawberry festival, June 23, was not only a handsome production, but as valuable as it was beautiful. It was the Enquirer's first venture in the direction of a "special," and the sequel must have been most gratifying to all concerned. The cover design was a happy thought—a large strawberry, a section in the center depicting an ideal Utah country farm. The half-tones, displayed liberally throughout the 40 or more pages, are of a high class of workmanship, and the reading matter furnishes the best of reference. For the most part the descriptions are devoted to Utah county and the "Garden City," though other portions of the state are by no means slighted, either by artist or writer.

WOMEN CITIZENS.

A United States district judge has rendered a decision declaring that the political status of an alien wife of an alien husband follows that of the husband, so that the wife of an alien cannot be naturalized. A single woman can be naturalized by the same legal process as a man.

Commenting on this decision the New York World gives a brief summary of the laws relating to the citizenship of women. "Any woman born in this country or of American parents abroad is a citizen. Any foreign-born woman whose father is naturalized before she is of age becomes a citizen with him, but if she is more than twenty-one when her father is naturalized she is not a citizen, and even if she lives here twenty years, not marrying a citizen nor becoming naturalized, the United States is under no obligation to protect her when abroad. In a dozen States unnaturalized men may vote in certain cases. In seven states women who are not citizens may vote in local or school elections if they or their husbands have declared intention to become citizens. Probably women who are not citizens sometimes innocently vote in school elections in ignorance of their true status."

The subject is of general interest, and especially in the states where women vote and are eligible to offices.

PANICS AND GAMBLING.

A gentleman writing from Hopkins, Minn., expresses his appreciation of the Deseret News, copies of which he has received of an Elder, Ephraim Peterson, for whom he entertains, he says, warm friendship. Our correspondent says he is very far from being a Latter-day Saint, but he feels fraternal towards all who are trying to do good in the world—a most commendable sentiment.

Our correspondent expresses his views on the recent financial depression. Many of our readers will agree with him. He says: "I do not believe we have had any lack of circulating medium, and there was too much confidence up to the time the crash came. The lack of confidence came with good reason. The amount of money per capita has been increased year by year for quite a number of years past, and the increasing money stringency in the fall has kept pace with this increase. It is true that more money is needed in the fall for handling the crops and saving them, but it is also true that this is the time of year when there is the most gambling done on the exchange, and money held for the purpose cannot at the same time be used for true business purposes. "The gambling spirit and gambling have increased even faster than the increase of money, and vast herds of the circulating medium have come to be held on call deposit by people watching the markets for a chance to

suck blood. It is estimated that one billion of money is a standing sum now so held. Probably at the commencement of the panic this congested sum was nearer two billions. It had reached that condition that a slight circumstance deranged the business conditions of the whole country."

Be this as it may, it is certain that true ethical education is as much needed as currency legislation. The young must be taught that the gain of wealth is less important than the development of manhood and womanhood in the exercise of the stern duties of life; that it is better to earn by intelligent labor than to obtain by gambling. We need to realize that only usefulness ennobles wealth.

Predatory wealth—the burglar's.

What will, what can, take the place of the Teddy bear?

Castro does not say, "God bless the man who invented Sleepers."

If a candidate is to win in a walk why does he need a running mate?

Louisiana not only proposes to put the lid on but to seal it hermetically.

If Castro had as much wisdom as conceit what a great man he would be.

Whichever party wins in November it will be led by William the Conqueror.

"Lest we forget," a contemporary keeps crying. Lest you do, tie a string around your finger.

Willie K. Vanderbilt, 3rd., has \$25,000 worth of playthings. To a Vanderbilt \$25,000 is at best but a bauble.

The people of Teheran have kicked up a rumpus that would have done credit to the populace of Paris.

The various cranks who got the cold shoulder at Chicago are very liable to receive the marble heart at Denver.

Mr. Rockefeller's enemies (their family name is Legion) will be glad to know that he is going to write a book, and a book all about himself.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., did the Harvard bachelor's degree course in three years instead of the regular four. He must have led a rather strenuous college life.

A number of meat-dealers have protested to the city license assessor that much of the meat sold in this city is bad. The price is high whether or no the meat itself is "high."

That enforced wait in London for a license guarantees that Madam Anna Gould and Prince Helle de Sagan will not be married in haste, thus guarding against a repentance at leisure.

Coming so soon after his vice presidential candidacy, John Hays Hammond's gift to the George Washington university sustaining fund looks like a contribution to the conscience fund.

If the United States had not upheld the Monroe doctrine in Venezuela's dispute with England, Venezuela today would have had much less territory today than she has. To her this is a benefit forgot.

ON ITS LAST LEGS.

Boston Transcript.
The death of the square piano is announced in the decision of the piano dealers, who held their annual session in New York recently, not to accept it any longer in exchange for newer styles in pianos. For some years it has been generally known that the square piano was on its last legs, so to speak. The doom that has now overtaken it has been expected, yet its departure to many is pathetic. Memories and associations cling to it that cannot be transplanted to pianos of a different shape. It was the heart of the household; the spot where it stood was the gathering place of the family and its friends. Besides, it was something more than a musical instrument. It was a convenient piece of furniture for the accommodation of newspapers, magazines and books that have now no such general ground upon which to meet. In all its ways it belonged to a different generation.

PROSPERITY COMING.

Pittsburg Gazette-Times.
We are about to re-enter a period of prosperity because all the conditions are favorable to it, and not because any set of men prophesied it. Consumption has gone on during the period of depression until the markets are swept almost clean. To meet the demand of consumers production must increase. The longer the delay in beginning the more insistent the demand. It is the old story of demand and supply. In the face of conditions which will soon become loud preparations must be made to meet it with the right answer. They are being made. That is where prosperity shows itself.

A MARINE SKYSCRAPER.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
Each new transatlantic liner surpasses its predecessor in some respect. The latest is the Rotterdam of the Holland-American line. It is the heaviest vessel afloat, and aspires to be known as "the skyscraper of the seas." It possesses eleven decks, and towers its mighty palace above the waves. While the Rotterdam is not specially designed for speed, it is expected that the novelty of its style of construction and the remarkable beauty of its decorations and appointments will make it a close rival of the Lusitania for popular favor. And in a few years both these vessels will undoubtedly be surpassed by the progress toward perfection in the art and science of shipbuilding. It is well to make the voyage across the Atlantic as attractive and easy as possible. Travel from the old world to the new and from the new to the old is of mutual benefit. Each advance in the construction of liners tends to bring the nations of the civilized world closer together, to pave the way toward universal brotherhood.

CONVENTION FUN.

New York Evening Sun.
The fact remains that the crowds in the galleries, many of whom paid for their seats, regard the whole thing as a circus, but unlike the spectators at a circus, they interfere with the performance, which would never be tolerated at the Garden. The address at a great party gathering met to make nominations ought to be intended for the delegates on the floor, not the pleasure or excitement seekers up aloft. The suggested reform after the fashion of the circus would be to interrupt the delegates or the delegates' or stampede.

JUST FOR FUN.

Wealth a Burden.
"Do you find great wealth a burden?" "Sometimes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "There's never any telling when mother and the girls are going to invest in a touring car or a steam yacht or a foreign nobleman, or some such form of worryment and responsibility."—Washington Star.

The Champion Forgetter.
The most forgetful man has been found. He lives in a little town in the upper part of York County, Me. He fell ill with symptoms indicating appendicitis and submitted to an operation. To their great surprise and embarrassment the surgeons found that the appendix had already been removed. The patient afforded the necessary explanation when he recovered from the ether by stating that he remembered then, "cause to think of it." It had been through a similar operation two years ago.—Kansas City Journal.

Got the Right Man.
The man who rocked a boat on a Massachusetts reservoir was drowned, while the others in the craft all escaped. There are those when the fool-killer really sees his duty and does it.—Washington Post.

Wanted Immediately.
Now, where is the able but cautious gentleman who will put on gum shoes and go after a campaign fund?—Chicago News.

Her Case.
Towne—Nonsense! Who told you Miss Pretty has a good disposition? Brown—Why, she's always smiling. Doesn't that show a good disposition? Towne—Not necessarily; sometimes it merely shows good teeth and dimples.—Philadelphia Press.

Begin at Home.
When amateurs, for "charity," present a little play. What shouldn't they keep what they make? For who so poor as they?—Philadelphia Press.

Most Likely.
Miss Sweet—To tell the truth, papa, I did not think much of the close of the sermon. Her Father—Probably you were thinking more of the clothes of the congregation.—Exchange.

A Well-Chosen Occupation.
"O! see yure b'y Tommy is sellin' papers, Mrs. Murphy. Ain't he young fer it?" "Is that, Mrs. Casey? But O! hoo! 't give him somethin' 't do 't kape him off th' strates."—Judge.

Blundered.
"What's the matter with the candidate?" "He's very ill." "Isn't it rather sudden?" "Very. He smoked a cigar from the wrong pocket."—Judge.

Working Him.
Jugley—You look prosperous, old man. Grafton—Yes, I suppose you read about Markley's ambition to be governor. Jugley—Yes, I see by the papers that he says he's in the hands of his friends. Grafton—Exactly. Well, I'm one of the friends.

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