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PETTY PARTISANSHIP.

ABOUT a year ago a better feeling appeared to be growing among the community. There was, on the surface at least, a desire to drop acerbities growing out of wide differences of opinion, and meet on a common plane in one sphere at least—that of business.

For some time matters progressed amicably as could be expected, but gradually the old animosity and selfish partisanship have burst out in spots from whence proceeded the loudest professions of desire for a smoothing down of the rough edges of social differences. Now it becomes apparent, and more plain, that with certain parties material property means merely the business advancement of one class of citizens, to the disadvantage of the others. This is especially marked when "Mormons" and non-"Mormons" are in competition in the same lines. In some instances the former are abused, vilified and slandered in the most silly, senseless and petty manner that could be imagined. The more enterprising and successful victims of the contemptible treatment are the more persistent and pelted in the abuse applied to them.

An article referring to the attacks made upon Grant Brothers, proprietors of the leading livery stables in this city, appears in this issue. The animadversions made upon the firm have covered a considerable period. These gentlemen have been continuously assailed in the columns of the anti-"Mormon" paper published in this city in the most scurrilous and unbecoming manner. Into these animadversions paragraphs have been injected references to the religion of the leading proprietors of the establishment, which has been called "the Lord's agent." This is an unusual drive, being mixed with all sorts of charges of trickery which everybody knows Grant Bros. would never resort to, nor would they allow their practice by any of their employees. In fact in this matter the paper referred to has acted as if it was owned by and for a prominent hotel man, and certain livery stable proprietors of this city.

These schoolboy spite of usions, devoid of a spark of soft manliness, have not been confined to the firm named, but the same tactics, in the interest of certain parties, have been adopted to ward other business concerns, with special reference to the Salt Lake Street Railroad Company. The same childish, hypocritical, systematic poisoned needle-stick has been adopted toward that enterprise, until many of the readers of the paper in question were utterly disgusted with the narrowness exhibited in such matters.

Heretofore we have scarcely alluded to this narrow-track partisanship introduced in business affairs, but it seems to be growing, hence we mention it now. It is actuated by the same spirit which has impeded the material progress of the community heretofore, and should be frowned down, whenever it appears. Those who indulge in it sit on the tail of progress and shout whoa.

A LACK OF HARMONY.

There exists in this city, among circles which are strong and prominent in social and business circles, a conspicuous lack of harmony. A similar condition is no new thing here, in respect to political and religious issues; but the discordance to which no reference is made, has nothing to do with either politics or religion. It has broken out in circles which have heretofore had no trouble within themselves over either of these prolific subjects of disagreement among mankind. A considerable portion of the business population of the city are interested in the several quarrels now in progress; quarrels is perhaps a good term as any with which to describe the existing differences to which allusion is here made.

Perhaps the most conspicuous display of the spirit of discord now getting in its work of division among our citizens, is being witnessed in the Chamber of Commerce. Harmony seems to have entirely abandoned that organization. A new deal in the way of officers is demanded by many disgruntled members who, however, do not appear to hang together, nor to have the same cause of complaint. A few signs have been thrown out, which are indicative of the motives of some of the fault finders. When a member of the Chamber, who is a real estate agent, calls for a new secretary on the ground that the present incumbent of that office is interested in building spots and acreage, the trouble with his digestion is easily diagnosed; and when another member, interested in the printing business, lets his dues lapse because the Chamber has been doing away from home, it may be assumed that the location of his head-office is in a spot just above and in front of the ear, where phonologists locate the organ of acquisitiveness.

Disunion destroys the usefulness of any organization, and if a spirit of unfeeling is not established in the body referred to, what is to become of the great boom so long promised, and of the "glorious future" of our city? What is to become of our climate and sunshine? Will our sunny days and comfortable temperatures be before they were so vividly painted in the literature of the Chamber of Commerce?

As to the legal fraternity of our city, it was probably never before so exercised as now. A "compensation" bonanza has been struck by some of its members, and the whole brotherhood appears to be agitated with a desire to seize the bonanza, and get out of the development of the find. It is whispered that envy and jealousy are being engendered in the Bar Association, and at least one attorney has stated that he has "fought the 'Mormons' as hard as any body, and would like to know why they can't have a chance at the Church property," or words to that effect. From a dozen to fifteen lawyers have already been given a chance to make a dash for "compensation" and more are likely to be retained. When the whole Bar Association has been treated likewise, perhaps harmony will be restored among its members.

War to the knife has been declared among the hotel proprietors of this city, and one hotel proprietor of considerable wealth has, it is stated, threatened to "go broke" on the result. This fight is waxing warm and interesting, and one result of it promises to be the breaking up of an old-time combination of monopoly which certainly was in the interests of the traveling public, nor the majority of the hotels of the city.

AN IMMENSE ORGANIZATION PROPOSED.

A DISPATCH dated yesterday (the 6th) contains the important announcement that a movement is on foot to organize a federation of all the railroad employees of the United States, uniting only the conductors. With that end in view, a meeting or "convention" probably, since the convention mania is upon the land—is to be held in Pittsburg next month, at which it is expected 100,000 or more laborers of the rail will be in attendance. Some useful features in connection with the proposed organization are announced, among which are an insurance and strike fund, so that in the event of a strike the employees would be able to live in obedience to an order to go out, there will be a guarantee of support for the family.

Such an organization, if it succeeds in drawing into membership the entire railway working force of the United States, would be a mighty and in some respects an invincible phalanx. Those who are expected to convene at Pittsburg would make a monstrous parade if placed in marching array, much greater than any procession that has marched in this country for many years; and they would not comprise more, perhaps, than ten per cent of the whole number employed on the railroads. Just fancy a million laborers, all indispensable in their way of life, united for the accomplishment of a common purpose! If numbers were the only ingredient of strength, opposition to them would disappear like chaff before a northern blizzard, and herein they should take counsel of moderation and be wise in the light of precedents and surrounding examples.

Union is the first desideratum and number the second in the make-up of mere physical strength and power; and when these are added wisdom, discretion and justice, a human aggregation can go no farther in the direction of perfection as an aggressive or defensive entity of society. It is when men over-estimate mere strength, and use it in furtherance of forcible or improper purposes, that a superior cause or better discipline obtains the mastery over them.

In no occupation excepting perhaps mining, are there more actual dangers always confronting the laborers than in railroading; and when once subjected to permanent injury their laborers are ended, they are dropped from the rolls and soon disappear from view, to get along and their families to maintain themselves as best they can. Some few, as in every other calling, are wise and frugal, having an eye always upon the mischance that may come and being somewhat prepared for it; thus, if they escape, they are doubly fortunate. But the majority are more or less improvident, using their means as they see fit, but not generally wisely, they having in too small a degree the faculty of "saving up." To make these involuntary boarders by taking from them small sums periodically—such small sums which they will not be missed—once they are in a general financial straits to be kept against the day of disaster would be a blessing to thousands; while those who were never placed in a position to need such assistance could very well afford to permit their contributions to be paid out when they were needed, they would be largely ahead in the transaction, through escaping the unfortunate decrees and being sound and capable.

If the proposed organization can accomplish anything of this kind and hold together it will do well to advance the best wishes and the good offices of everybody. So long as it is a purely protective society and does not constitute a "protection" to the deprivation of others, or the arrogating of more power and greater functions than would naturally pertain to such a body of men so organized, so long will it be strong not only in its own strength, but in the moral support of those who are not of it. The course of the new brotherhood, or federation as they propose to call it, will be watched with no little interest.

POLITICAL ASPERITIES.

THE following somewhat ominous lines recently appeared in the Chicago Tribune:

"The source of trouble is that the black and white men or the negroes, and any coercive power to enforce their rights must be used from the right of the white man or the negro, and the negroes are the only ones who will not shoot and burn for their rights. They lack even the combative found in the women of the races long accustomed to freedom. The negroes will not fight except in association with and under the leadership of a white man, and therefore a considerable portion of the negroes are ready to fight, if necessary, for a free ballot in a fair count, still the negroes can and do vote and have their votes fairly counted; but if left to themselves they are helpless, even where they are a vast majority, and what manner can outside federal power be expected to protect the rights of the negroes in states where they are not in association with or under the leadership of a white man? That is the great question. Will Senator Ingalls cast light upon it?"

This causes the Louisville Courier-Journal to conclude that "Nothing had so far been said or appeared in an American newspaper having the slightest claim to public consideration. The man who wrote it is as guilty of conspiracy to murder as Link and Engle, without their courage; as much of a second-rate traitor as Parsons, without his ability; and yet he is only said in a blunt, coarse and stupid way what men like Ingalls have the wit to keep to themselves."

On Saturday evening Charles Anderson, who works on the Equator mine at the head of Iowa gulch, near Leadville, was shot in the back by a bullet from a cabin, who was caught on the hill. In his fatal ride he went over a cliff of fifty feet, and fell into a cabin distant about a quarter of a mile. It was unoccupied, and today's great earthquake, which stopped, and Anderson informed him of the accident and requested him to be buried, but he is hurt internally.

Butte, M. T., Dec. 5.—At Anaconda yesterday morning Frank Grover was fatally shot in a battle by Rose Bennett, one of the inmates. Grover, together with a companion, visited the house of Rose Bennett, over which the woman drank a revolver and fired, the ball striking Grover in the abdomen, resulting in his death this afternoon.

CURRENT TOPICS IN EUROPE.

The Scramble for Africa.—Lord Mayor's Day in London.—Bismarck's Speech.—England's Army.—New French Coins.—Boulangier's Bluster.—Austrian Reforms.—Bismarck's Burdens.—Russian Bank.

Lately the news from Africa has not been of a very reassuring nature, and it really looks as if the "scramble for Africa" was going to have unfortunate results for the powers interested. The Italian occupation of Massawa has been costly both in blood and money; the Belgian Congo Free State has necessitated an expenditure quite out of proportion with the returns; and now, the latest German enterprise has been a costly defeat. It is true that the German African Company was only a private undertaking; but the encouragement and support given to it by the government were such that the power of the German Empire in Africa has been increased by the simple fact of the immensely of the difficulty of coping with the slave trade, and the individual powers to bring about an improvement in the situation. 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