

4

**DESERET EVENING NEWS**

PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING.  
(Sunday Excepted.)

Corner of South Temple and East Temple Streets, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Horace G. Whitney - Business Manager.

**SUBSCRIPTION PRICES:**  
(In Advance.)

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| One Year                   | ..... 2.00 |
| Six Months                 | ..... 1.25 |
| Three Months               | ..... .75  |
| One Month                  | ..... .25  |
| Saturday Edition, per year | ..... 2.00 |
| Semi-Weekly per year       | ..... 2.00 |

Correspondence and other reading matter for publication should be addressed to the EDITOR.

Address all business communications and all remittances to THE DESERET NEWS, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Entered at the postoffice of Salt Lake City as second class matter according to Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

**SALT LAKE CITY, - JUNE 8, 1909.**

**DO IT NOW.**

There is time yet to go and vote for the Capitol. If you have not already done so, do it now, if you are a qualified voter.

The arguments in favor of the proposition have been set forth fully by the press, and newspaper readers are familiar with them. The building, by the time it is completed, will be needed as a necessity, and not as a luxury. It is necessary, therefore, to provide for it now. And the plan suggested by which the expenses will be distributed over a considerable period of years should be acceptable to all.

Conveyances are at the service of the voters, but we trust no one who is able to take care of himself will wait to do his, or her, duty as a citizen until an automobile ride is thrown in, at the expense of public funds. Those who do not value the prerogatives of citizenship enough to vote without being hauled to the polls, as if they were without volition and judgment of their own, cannot have a very clear conception of their duties and responsibilities. So, if you are in the enjoyment of health and strength, do not wait for somebody to convey you to the polls, but go like a man or woman, and vote your conviction.

Salt Lake citizens are doubly interested in this proposition. A large vote should be cast here. The polls will be open until 7 o'clock this evening, and all citizens who paid taxes last year, on real estate or personal property, are entitled to vote.

**ALMOST A DISASTER.**

For the twenty-four hours following last Saturday noon, Salt Lake City was overshadowed by the near probability of the worst disaster in its history.

The City Creek flume at the head of State street was filled to its capacity, and four bridges just above it were toppling ready to complete the closure and thereby ruin hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property in the business center. The caving up of the tottering bridges after the belated arrival of a small force of men on Saturday afternoon narrowly averted the impending calamity of engulfing State and Main streets with the present maddening torrent from City Creek.

Not fewer than six persons who had observed the danger to the city from the caving in of the banks of city creek, spent most of the afternoon in trying to interest the street department, the waterworks office, the fire department, the police department, and the county sheriff's office in the situation. Each office when approached over the telephone or by personal visit, referred the informants to some other office, until when Supervisor Hobday and a few men arrived on the scene, the caving-in had made such headway that for many hours nothing effective could be done to stay its progress. Yet the local flood situation is a very simple matter and easily regulated if taken in time. The floods can be controlled and any grave danger certainly averted should conditions grow no worse with ensuing years. Safety can be insured by the most common forms of precaution.

The caving in of the banks of City Creek, which rendered unavailing the remedial efforts of all the workers lower down on the stream, is easy enough of prevention, and it ought never to have occurred.

The banks were not even washed out, much less "torn out" by the raging torrent, as imaginatively reported in the columns of some of the papers. The recently filled in embankments of soft soil, having been left almost unprotected, simply slid into the bed of the stream as soon as the water rose high enough to moisten them. And that this was permitted to occur was due solely to the fact that the so-called embankment that had similarly slid into the stream a year ago, but less extensively than this year, had been replaced by a lower, unconsolidated slip of small round cobbles, stones, struck piled up by prison labor, and without the addition of even flax plaster to make them hold together. This loose aggregation of rubbish simply sank in to the water as soon as the new loamy soil on which it leaned became moist and yielding. We repeat that this so-called "wall," did not wash out from the force of the current, but simply fell into the stream of its own weight and lack of cohesion, as soon as the water soaked into mud the soft soil back of it, and this is the bare fact about the so-called "washouts" along Canyonroad.

That such a piece of work was permitted to pass muster, is nothing short of municipal disgrace. That there should be no repetition of the negligent blunder is now patent to every one.

**FRANCE IS NOT DECADENT.**

At the commencement of Bryn Mawr College on June 3, President Jordan of Leland Stanford University is reported to have delivered an address on the subject "War and Mankind," in which he said: "Spain, Italy and France show the effect of their blood-stained battlefields. France by her own confession is a weak and decadent nation."

The remark gave rise to a painful incident. Professor Lucien Foulet, instructor in French literature, sprang to the front of the platform and, facing

the speaker, exclaimed: "It is not true. France is not decadent." Then he bowed low to Mr. Jordan and left the building.

Professor Torild Arnoldson, of this City, who has associated with Frenchmen and Spaniards, takes exception to the sweeping statement of President Jordan, while, at the same time, he admits the correctness of the proposition that was exhaust nations. Professor Arnoldson, in a letter to the "News" says:

"By a strange coincidence, the writer of these lines, who is personally acquainted with Prof. Foulet, received from him by mail the same day an extract of Revue des Langues Romanes, containing an article on 'Stronghold' et la Loi du Lecheur," in which the author learnedly discusses the relation of an old Norse and an old French poem.

"Mr. Foulet, who speaks English with a good American accent and is thoroughly in sympathy with American ideals, is not one of those apparently reckless Frenchmen who occasionally appear among us. The French are a home-loving nation, more so than any other, and are loath to leave their country. Of the few that come to us, the most conspicuous are the transient adventurers from whom our people form an erroneous idea of France and the French. Other nations being represented in greater numbers, we pay less attention to their vagabonds. There is, however, a small contingent of representative Frenchmen, some in the larger colleges, men of character and ability, with whom of course the majority of us do not come in contact. It would be a great gain for our country if we could get more of them.

"President Jordan's statement was certainly not in good faith. An ardent advocate of peace as he is, he wished to emphasize that war and militarism spell ruin to a nation. This is true. What was Germany at the end of the Thirty Years' War? What was Sweden after her so-called greatness which ended with the death of Charles XII? What is Spain today after daily wars for four hundred years? And what becomes of all Europe if no check is put to her armaments?

"But his words were unfortunately chosen. It is hard to believe that he really meant to say that France is 'weak and decadent.' The opinion is not unqualifiedly true even of Spain, for if Spain is politically and socially weak, she is not decadent but ascending. Her militarism crushed, she is bound to continue to rise.

"The same is true of France, but with this enormous difference that, in spite of her militarism, France never fell. She has some sincerity by restoring, and thus advancing, it should not be forgotten that France has been to modern civilization what Greece and Rome were to the ancient. She has been the great teacher of modern Europe. If the pupils gradually rise to the level of the teacher or even above, is that an evidence of the latter's weakness and decay?

"Being still the acknowledged leader in letters and art, France is certainly the most wide-awake nation in the live issues of the day. Is there any country where the most vital of all modern problems, the labor question, has received more practical attention than in France? In what other European country is the condition of the workmen more tolerable? What great country has a more democratic government? There is much talk about French immorality. If race suicide is immorality, France is no worse than our own country. But if illegitimacy is a greater immorality, one need only glance at statistics concerning foundlings and find the Germanic nations soaring high above her at the top.

"And what is France's attitude on the question of international peace? The United States recently inflamed the navy craze, which has now taken such deplorable proportions in England and Germany. Is it not true that France is one of the leading military powers, her must needs to her share. But while all of them talk disarmament and practice armament, France has at least shown some sincerity by reducing the term of service for her conscripts, while the others have gone on increasing it. And if the peace propaganda originated in the United States or in England, is it not true that France is one of the most active nations in the peace movement of the present day? She is making laudable efforts to bring to a realization the prophecy of her great historian Michelet: 'In the twentieth century France will declare peace to the world.'

President Jordan's theory, that wars cause nations to decay is sustained by history—French history not excepted. It is perfectly true that France today is a great nation. Its wealth is enormous. The French are the bankers of Europe, wielding the financial scepter over a large area, but it is equally true that the advance of that nation was made possible only by a policy of peace and devotion to peaceful industries. After the Napoleonic wars, France was exhausted. If it had continued a war policy, it would have committed national suicide. Poland, once a strong power, lost its autonomy after a series of wars and internal conflicts. The Scandinavian countries in the beginning of the nineteenth century were weak and poor, owing to their wars. They have recuperated through their industrial efforts during years of peace and today they have a place among the nations which they could not have won by the aid of armies. Professor Jordan's theory is sound, though his adjectives were not well chosen.

**KANSAS PROHIBITION.**

Under the law now in force in Kansas no alcoholic liquor can be sold legally in that state. Not even druggists can sell liquor for any purposes whatever. A physician's prescription is not even an "open sesame." The sale of alcohol is absolutely forbidden, and the display of alcohol or liquor on the shelves of a drug store is regarded as prima facie evidence that it is being kept for unlawful sale.

The state association of druggists, it is said, proposes to test this law in the courts. It has obtained an opinion from Judge Frank Doster, former chief justice of the supreme court, that the law is invalid, but Attorney-General Jackson, as well as several good constitutional lawyers in the Legislature, say it will be sustained.

Some of the Kansas towns have fixed a limit to the quantity of beer any one man can import. Wichita makes this limit one case a week; Topeka, one case every two weeks. If a man has more than the limit shipped to him, it is taken as evidence that he is getting the stuff for sale, and he is subject to arrest. It is also made unlawful to drink liquor publicly on passenger trains, and any traveler caught drinking from a bottle is subject to arrest, conductors and other trainmen being given authority to make arrests. The through transcontinental trains are being watched by spotters, lest liquor be sold in the buffet cars.

These provisions seem drastic, but the

law deals with an element that makes a business of defying both law and public sentiment, and nothing short of the most drastic regulations are of any avail.

**WORK ON THE CANAL.**

During the 24 years the French Panama company tried to pierce the Isthmus, only 81,548,000 cubic yards of dirt were removed. It is five years since Americans undertook the work. The first two years were very largely devoted to sanitation, but 73,134,840 cubic yards have already been excavated during this short period. The following is the record:

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| May, 1904, to April, 1905 | ..... 648,911    |
| May, 1905, to April, 1906 | ..... 2,155,123  |
| May, 1906, to April, 1907 | ..... 6,715,554  |
| May, 1907, to April, 1908 | ..... 25,062,811 |
| May, 1908, to April, 1909 | ..... 35,342,650 |

There remains 101,541,746 cubic yards to remove. This is now done at an average of 3,000,000 cubic yards a month, and it is supposed that this rate will be maintained until the work is finished. In addition to the excavation there remains the great Gatun dam and the locks, but the construction of these will be carried on simultaneously, and, in fact, much work has already been done on them. It is confidently expected that the work will be completed by Jan. 1, 1915.

**Kissing and schedules go by favor.**

A public service corporation is a private snafu.

How much alike aeronauts and argonauts sound.

A bald head may bear malice and not bear hair.

In time of peace prepare for the assurance of peace.

The flood story is written on the face of the waters.

The discontented married call the divorce evil a blessing.

A good deal of the higher criticism reads like hire criticism.

President Taft never cultivated the gentle art of making enemies.

Our Sundays are getting to be far more saturnalian than sabbatical.

There is plenty of water now for everybody, including the milkmen.

Simplified and all other kinds of spelling look alike to the school boy.

France is all up in the air over the performances of the Zeppelin airship.

We have the tariff question with us almost as constantly as we have the poor.

Nothing so dashes a man's hopes as to buy a new straw hat and have it get rained on.

Walter Wellman is improving his airship. After while he may improve his opportunity.

To the Woodmen of the World should be confided the task of preserving the forests.

Nothing, not even the finest fabrics, so soon gets frayed at the edges as a visitor's welcome.

All the mountain streams are boiling. Still it is well to boil the water before drinking it.

It is easier to discover a counterfeit national bank note than it is to discover a gold mine.

A man should not covet his neighbor's ox nor his ass but the law is silent as to automobiles.

The flight of time doesn't attract half the attention that the flight of balloons does these days.

Those who claim to know, say that Colonel Roosevelt could kill three birds with one stone if he wanted to.

A Montana horse thief has been sentenced to thirty-two years in the penitentiary. By the time he emerges from prison he should have reached years of discretion.

Solicitor General Bowers has been telling the president all about what whisky means in law. Did he drink in his knowledge of whisky at the same place he drank in his knowledge of law?

Mr. Harriman says that prosperity depends on the farmers; the farmers depend on the weather; therefore property depends on the weather. Where do the legislative prosperity makers come in?

"We notice a growing tendency on the part of illiterate and unappreciative persons to call Los Angeles 'Los.' A law should be passed making the disgusting abbreviation a misdemeanor punishable with both fine and imprisonment," says the Los Angeles Times. It is a case where the Los said the soonest mended.

**A STORK'S NEST.**

London Globe.

The following details concerning the structure and contents of a stork's nest investigated on the summit of the Cathedral of Colmar in Upper Alsace may be of interest: The city architect has just delivered a public lecture there on "Storks and Their Ways." He described a stork's nest which was about 20 years old; it measured six feet across and was five feet in height; it weighed 18 hundredweight, or over three-quarters of a ton, and it was such a solid mass that it had to be broken up by using a pickaxe. The nest was made of twigs of wood and clay, and the materials filled 24 sacks. The walls of the nest were found to contain 17 ladies' black stockings, five fur caps, the sleeve of a white silk blouse, three old shoes, a large piece of leather and four buttons that had belonged to a railway porter's uniform.

**ONIONS AND LONGEVITY.**

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

To the accredited list of aids to longevity an Ohio woman, recently deceased, has made an important contribution.

**FILL UP!**

**June Prices**

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Rock Springs | \$5.00  |
| Peacock      |         |
| Lamp & Nut   |         |
| Silver Brook | \$10.25 |
| Anthracite   |         |

**Delivered**

**CENTRAL COAL & COKE CO**

Bell Ex. 35. Ind. 2600  
38 South Main

**JUST FOR FUN**

"Did you ever complete your education?"  
"No, my wife did."—Houston Post.

First lawyer—I asked the judge to try one of my cigars.  
Second lawyer—I bet he found it guilty.—Philadelphia Record.

The Bride—I want you to send me some coffee, please.  
The Grocer—Yes ma'am. Ground?  
The Bride—No. Third floor, front.  
Woman's Home Companion.

Noodle (with a yawn)—Ya-as, weally. It costs one thousand a year just to live, don't y' know.  
Harriet Hodge—Don't you pay it! Taint worth it!—Illustrated Bits.

The lions were considering the case of Roosevelt. "He's only coming to study our habits," remarked one.  
"I'll do my part to instruct him," said another. "If he has any idea that we are vegetarians."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Is your husband interested in baseball?"  
"No."  
"How strange. I thought all the men were."  
"No, John isn't interested. That isn't the name for his trouble. He is baseball crazy."—Chicago Record-Herald.

**SALT LAKE THEATRE** GEORGE PYPER, MANAGER. CURTAIN & C. E.  
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and Sunday Matinee.

**JUNE 10, 11, 12,**  
Charles Frohman Presents  
**MARIE DORO**  
In William J. Locke's Scintillating Comedy  
**"The Morals of Marcus"**  
As given at the Criterion Theater, New York City, with a brilliant supporting company.  
Prices: 25c to \$2.00. Matinee, 25c to \$1.50. Sale of seats Tuesday.

**COLONIAL**  
Bell 434. Ind. 159.  
TONIGHT,  
Elinor Glyn's Powerful Love Tragedy  
**THREE WEEKS**  
With  
**BERYL HOPE**  
Elaborately Staged and a Strong Cast.  
Usual Prices—Night, \$1.00, 75c, 50c, 25c; Matinee, 60c, 25c.  
Next Week—Ralph Stuart with his great play, "The Master at Arms."

**BUNGALOW**  
Bell 355. Ind. 251.  
TONIGHT,  
**RALPH STUART—MARY HALL**  
And Associate Players, Presenting  
**A COURIER OF FORTUNE,**  
By A. W. Marchmont, Author of "By Right of Sword."  
Usual Prices. Matinee Wednesday and Saturday.

**GRAND THEATRE**  
4 Night and 1 Matinee Beginning  
**MONDAY, JUNE 7.**  
Sam S. & Lee Shubert (Inc.) Present  
The Great New York Success,  
**"THE BLUE MOUSE"**  
By Clyde Fitch.  
Prices for this engagement, 50 to \$1.50.  
Seats now on sale.

**READ THE THEATRE MAGAZINE**  
FOR THEATRICAL NEWS AND STAGE PICTURES

**We Play, Sing and Sell Music**  
**Beesley Music Co.**  
46 Main Street.

**Go to THE POPULAR Clothing Co.**  
For POPULAR PRICED GOODS  
At POPULAR PRICES  
**322 So. Main St.**  
Right Below Walkers

**Z. C. M. I. Will Close Saturday Next at 2 p. m.**

**ALL WOOL CHALLIS**

Possessing a cool, dainty appearance, making them especially adaptable for summer wear—stripes, dainty figures, Persians, coin spots, etc., 3 1/4 inches wide.

Regular 65c Challis, a yard..... 50c  
Regular 40c Challis, a yard..... 30c

**VUDOR PORCH SHADES**

You will never fully appreciate your porch, never get the greatest enjoyment from it until you equip it with Vudor Porch Shades : : :

They keep out the sun and glare, but let in sufficient light for reading, sewing or games.

Vudor Porch Shades are made of wide strips of linden wood, bound together with strong twine. : : : : :

They come 4, 6, 8 and 10 feet, and are very durable. : : : : :

**Western Fuel Co.**  
(Crichtlow, Fischer & Kittle)  
Cable address "Wesfuco."  
Phones 719. 73 Main Street.

**INDEPENDENT ELECTRIC CO.**  
"THE LIGHT DOCTORS."  
71 East Third St.  
Nephil L. Morris, Lon J. Haddock, President and Manager.  
Complete line of chandeliers. House wiring and repairs our specialty.  
Let's Get Acquainted!

**Davis MONEY-BACK SHOES**  
**The GREAT LEWIS STOCK OF OGDEN**  
On Sale in our basement at Less than half actual values

**B. B. Heywood John Condren**  
Proprietors  
**The Cullen**  
Salt Lake City's Newest European Hotel  
200 Choice Rooms  
100 Rooms with Private Bath  
Popular Priced Cafe and Grill  
Cuisine the Best.  
Send for Booklet.

**The Densmore**  
Kansas City, Mo.  
The newest hotel in the city. 200 rooms, 150 with private bath. Convenient to all centers. Reached by all car lines. The coolest and cleanest location. Special rates by the month or week.  
Transient rates.  
\$1.00 to \$2.50 per day, European.  
\$2.50 to \$4.00 per day, American.  
Densmore Hotel Co., props.

**ASK FOR Smith's White Dove**  
HIGH PATENT AND STRAIGHT GRADE.  
**FLOUR**  
We can fill your orders for wheat, oats and corn. The queen of the Valley Flour Mills. 3rd West and 8th South.  
Bell 2450. Ind. 892.

**Pioneer ROOFING**

**SUN PROOF and RAIN PROOF; NEEDS NO PAINT OR REPAIRS**

Of all Ready Roofings Pioneer "Rubber Sanded" and Pioneer "Rubber Flaxine" are best, for all kinds of buildings.

If you are not posted on roofings, or if you are, it will pay you to write for Pioneer Booklet and Samples.

**PIONEER ROLL PAPER COMPANY**  
Department 54. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
LAMBERT PAPER CO., Distributors, Salt Lake City.

**What About the Family's Health?**

If you regard it seriously, you will see that your foods are properly protected during the hot weather.

**The "Alaska" Refrigerator in the home spells Health, Economy and cleanliness in your household.**

It provides every feature that goes to make up the most approved, modern ice-chest. Our frequent demonstrations have proved it's superiority. We sell them \$15 up.

**DINWOODEY'S**

**RED CROSS DENTISTS**

**Special! 10 Days**  
Cor. 3rd So. and Main St.

515 Zylonite Plates for.....\$7.50 Gold Crowns, 22-K.....\$2.00  
37 Best Rubber Plates for.....\$4.00 Silver Fillings.....\$1.00

**PAINLESS EXTRACTION OR - NO - PAY** 12 YEARS GUARANTEE

No one should neglect their teeth when they can have them filled and replaced so reasonably. Free examination and advice.

**Manzan** Reaches the spot. Slope pain. The Great Pile Remedy. Put up in tubes with rectal nozzle. 50 cents.

**Pineules** For Backache, Rheumatism and the Kidney. 7 years' experience.

**GEO. T. BRICE DRUG CO.**  
200 Main—Keaton Pharmacy.