

DESERET EVENING NEWS

Organ of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING.
(Sundays excepted.)
Corner of South Temple and East Temple
Streets, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Charles W. Penrose - Editor.
Horace G. Whitney - Business Manager.
SUBSCRIPTION PRICES.
(In Advance.)
One Year \$2.00
Six Months 1.25
Three Months75
One Month25
Saturday Edition, Per Year 2.00
Semi-Weekly, Per Year 2.00

NEW YORK OFFICE.
In charge of R. F. Cummings, manager.
Foreign Advertising, from our Home Office,
127 Park Row Building, New York.

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE.
In charge of F. J. Cooper, 18 Geary St.
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
the Act of Congress, March 3, 1879.

SALT LAKE CITY, - NOV. 30, 1905

POLITICS AND PARTISANSHIP.

Of our country contemporaries
seem to take some pleasure in copy-
ing from another journal a distortion
of a sentence in the Deseret News,
which was this: "The News is ready
at any time to meet the charge of
Democratic leanings or Republican
predilections and is able to defend it-
self on either ground, as an indepen-
dent paper, but not as a neutral." By
making a play on the word "indepen-
dent," the evident meaning of our re-
mark has been entirely perverted. The
files of the "News" are open to any
objectors who make the claim that
this paper has exhibited partisanship in
any of its editorial utterances.

In criticizing reported methods that
appeared to be improper, the "News"
has not intended to attack or lay
blame upon any particular party or in-
dividual, but has made its remarks of
a general character, applicable only to
those engaging in such measures. It
has singled out no party or society or
person, Republican, Democratic, or
otherwise. Nor has it desired to offend
any partisan, however intense, who has
simply exercised those rights of citi-
zenship which this paper has always
upheld for every person, no matter
what may be his calling, profession,
faith or nationality.

But what is meant by the term indepen-
dent? This is what the dictionary
says:

"Not dependent; not subject to the
control of others; not relying on others;
not subordinate; not subject to
bias or influence; not obsequious; self-
directing; as, a man of an independent
mind."

That has been the attitude of the
Deseret News ever since the people
of Utah divided on party lines. En-
deavors have been made by both Re-
publicans and Democrats to inflame
that this paper leaned to one side or
the other, but when challenged to pro-
duce the article or articles complained
of, they have utterly failed to point
out anything of the kind, or that could
reasonably be construed in that way.
Their resort has been that they could
"read between the lines," which is, of
course, exceedingly fair and logical
and convincing; that is, to the in-
dividuals who use that kind of reasoning.
As to the term, "a neutral," the
"News" need not say anything fur-
ther, as it has shown clearly from
recognized authorities that "a neutral"
amounts to nothing one way or an-
other, being "indifferent, without force,
sexless and powerless."

As to politics, a great deal de-
pends upon the construction which dif-
ferent people put upon the same term.
We understand politics to mean one
thing, partisanship or partisanship to
mean another and different thing.
The word politics is grossly mis-
used very frequently. Properly
speaking it means something which
every American citizen ought to be in-
terested and engaged in. But that
does not necessarily imply connection
with a political party. Lexicographers
thus define the meaning of Politics:

"The science of government; that part
of ethics which has to do with the
regulation and government of a nation or
state, the preservation of safety, peace
and prosperity; the defense of its ex-
istence and rights against foreign con-
trol or conquest, the augmentation of
its strength and resources, and the
protection of its citizens in the rights
with the preservation and improvement
of their morals."

A person or a paper can be inter-
ested in and take up subjects connected
with the science of government, and
yet be perfectly independent, taking no
sides in mere partisan questions, con-
tentions or intrigues. It need not be
"neutral" on any public question that
relates to the principles of government,
whether they relate to a nation, a state
or a city. On all public questions of
that character the Deseret News has
endeavored to give information to its
readers, and has discussed them occa-
sionally with a view to the promo-
tion of good order and the upholding of
public morality. But at the same time it
has avoided entering into partisan and
was kept aloof from it intentionally, ac-
tually and beyond all dispute.

"Partisanship" means, according to
the dictionaries, "devotion to party." It
is equivalent to the term "partisanship,"
which is defined as "the state of being
a partisan; adherence to a party; feel-
ings and conduct appropriate to a party."
This, it will be seen by even the
casual reader, to be altogether different
in significance to the word politics.
Sometimes parties may be said to have
to do with politics, being organized simply
to obtain the control of a city or a state
for purposes outside of the public wel-
fare. On the other hand, people may
be intensely earnest in their views as
to the science of government, the eth-
ics that have to do with the regulation
of national or state affairs as matters
of principle, and yet be entirely un-
swayed by partisanship and taking no part
in the contentions and broils or parti-

sonal ambitions which usually are as-
sociated with partisanship.

The Deseret News has kept itself free
from partisanship, while sometimes dis-
cussing on public policies affecting the
entire people of the nation, or the state,
or a city. There is no need to con-
fuse the terms that are used in relation
to these matters. When questions arise
such as a water supply for this city,
those affecting general conditions
throughout the State; principles that
enter into the safety, growth and pro-
tection of the people of the whole coun-
try; the maintenance of the Constitu-
tion, the extension of liberty abroad,
and anything of that character which is
included in the correct understanding of
the word "politics," this paper is not
"a neutral," but takes active part and
expresses itself in an independent way,
according to its best judgment. It is
therefore respected and relied upon by
readers of all classes and faiths and
parties.

This is a newspaper, too. It is the
organ of the Church in the sense ex-
plained repeatedly in these columns. If
the Church has anything of a public
character to present, it will be so
stated, that all may know it is by au-
thority. Ordinarily, this newspaper
gives the news of the work at home and
abroad, touches on current questions,
advises matters of business of all
kinds, and for this the Church should
not be held responsible. Nor is it re-
sponsible for anything it does not au-
thorize. When the Church authorities
announce anything, that is a different
affair and it should be so understood.

The Deseret News is not the Church,
nor is the Church the Deseret News.
As a general newspaper this journal
will endeavor, as always, to keep
abreast with the times, and also to be
in harmony with that which is just and
fair and true, in religion, in politics and
in the cause of universal liberty, while
at the same time, carefully refraining
from partisanship and partisanship.

WONDERS OF IRRIGATION.

It is not so very many years since
the agitation for government reclama-
tion of the arid lands of the West was
started by enterprising and far-seeing
citizens. At first their plans were
looked upon as impractical. The enorm-
ous amount of money needed for the
building of reservoirs and canals was
thought to preclude any serious con-
sideration of the undertaking. But its
friends and advocates continued, in
spite of discouragements, to prove that
it meant, virtually, the addition to the
country of a vast empire with a possi-
ble population of ten million souls, or
more, and that the money needed could
be appropriated in installments, and
that the investment would be paying
almost from the start.

It is but a short time since these ef-
forts were crowned with success, and
the Irrigation bill was passed by Con-
gress. And yet, what has been ac-
complished proves that the contention
of the friends of that measure were
true. There are now no less than
eleven important irrigation projects
under way in various states and terri-
tories, one of which, in Nevada, is so
far completed that water is being de-
livered to about 50,000 acres of what
was formerly a barren desert. Oth-
ers are nearing completion. And it is
found that home-seekers are not wait-
ing for the completion of the irriga-
tion works. They are coming ahead
of the water, as it were, and towns and
villages are springing up as by magic.

Mr. Clarence J. Blanchard, of the re-
clamation service, a short time ago
told about the transformation that is
taking place. He said, as quoted by
the Minneapolis Journal:

"Oases are springing up like magic
in many places which for ages have
been the abode of the coyote and the
jackrabbit. A year ago last spring
I slept out under the sagebrush on the
Miraflores lands in the Snake river val-
ley, Idaho, and the nearest dwelling was
thirty miles away."

"Last week I visited the same spot,
travelling across that thirty miles in
a first class passenger train, passing
through three new towns. On every
eighty acres of the 100,000 acres in that
tract of government land there is a
new farm house, a farmer and his
family. Uncle Sam is preparing to
bring to him through many miles of
canals and ditches the precious water
which is to make the desert blossom as
the rose. A mammoth rock-fill dam
across the Snake river is almost fin-
ished and by early spring the sage-
brush will have vanished from this spot
forever."

That is to say, in a spot where there
was only a wild desert, though the pro-
ject is not yet completed and though
not a drop of water has yet been deliv-
ered, there had sprung up, in the
course of a year, 1,400 homes hous-
ing as many families which were sup-
porting three thriving towns. What had
been a desert given over to jackrabbits
and sage brush was selling as high-
priced farm land.

Such are the wonders of irrigation.
And Utah has the honor of being among
the pioneer states in reclamation work. Some
of her prominent citizens have been
among the most fervent advocates of
the Irrigation act. The history of
Joseph in Egypt repeated! The mobs
that drove the Saints from the confines
of civilization, because they coveted
their property; the lawless element that
compelled the "Mormons" to pitch
their tents in the desert region of the
mountains, had only evil intentions, but
the exodus has been turned into a bless-
ing, for it paved the way for the work
of reclamation that is now going on,
and by which the entire nation will be
blessed. When will the eyes of men
be opened to the works of Providence?

THE OLDEST LADY.

The oldest woman in the United
States is said to be Mary Ramsey
Woods, 113 years old, and now living
at Hillsboro, Oregon. Her birthdate is
given as May 29, 1792, and her birth-
place was a farm near Knoxville, Tenn.
She came to Oregon in 1853, having
traveled the entire distance from the
South, on horseback.

According to a correspondent of the
Los Angeles Times, Mrs. Woods has a
splendid memory. She plainly remem-
bers the war of 1812, in which her father
fought under Andrew Jackson. She
saw Andrew Jackson driving from his
home to Washington to be President,
and waved to him. She says it be-
wilders her to think of the many things

that have happened in her life. She can
remember when there were no steam-
boats or steam cars, and it was only as
yesterday that the telephone and elec-
tric light were invented. She says she
remembers the Mexican war plainly,
and the civil war seems to her like
last week. She was 72 when John
Brown made his raid at Harper's Fer-
ry, and although the news didn't
reach her folks for months afterward,
she remembers the excitement it caused.
In the same year, Oregon was admitted
as a State.

Mrs. Woods does not seem to have
followed any special rules for obtaining
longevity. She comes of good, English
stock. Her diet in recent years has
consisted principally of vegetables,
though she still eats meat occasionally.
She is said to be in the enjoyment of
bright and keen intellect, as well as
good health. Under such circumstances
age is not a burden.

It is probably true that, throughout
the world the duration of human life is
on the increase, because of the better
understanding now obtaining concern-
ing the laws of health. In time there
will be many men and women still
"young," though about to cross the cen-
tury mark on life's highway. Vital
statisticians tell us that in the city of
Geneva, in the sixteenth century, one
individual in 25 died annually. In the
eighteenth century the death rate was
one in 34, and in the nineteenth, one in
46. And this represents fairly the in-
crease in the duration of human life
throughout the entire civilized world.

Senator Patterson feels the line if not
the contempt.

What a good thing for the peace of
the world that Venezuela is not a
great power.

The Mutual's house at Albany is be-
coming more famous than the house
that Jack built.

Yale is to have a stadium. It should
be a great rendezvous for Yale's per-
petual philosophers.

One cause for thanksgiving is that
Thanksgiving brings to a close the sea-
son for football fatalities.

Mr. McCurdy resigned because of
his age. Undoubtedly the investiga-
tion of the Armstrong committee has
aged him greatly.

Constantinople is one of the greatest
show towns on earth. Turkey makes
a show of resistance and Europe makes
a show of enforcing her demands.

Those Lads of Pines filibusters relied
on Uncle Sam's capidity and power
and not on the justice of their own
cause. They got beautifully left, as
they deserved to be.

One of the new duties of officers in
the commissary department of the
army will be to learn to bake bread.
It will be hard to convince them that
in this case the path of duty is the
path of glory.

Ex-Assemblyman McClelland recog-
nized vouchers as being in his own
handwriting but he couldn't remem-
ber a thing about them. The lethal ef-
fect of the insurance investigation on
the memory of some of the witnesses
is truly wonderful.

"I am too old a man to wish to re-
sume precisely those hard and trying
responsibilities which I was once able
and glad to discharge," says Senator
T. C. Platt. And yet it is not long
since he said that if he had his life to
live over again he would make it dif-
ferent.

The Rev. W. E. Evans, rector of
Monumental Church, Richmond, Va.,
is confined to his home with a broken
rib, as the result of the Rev. L. Landon
Mason's meeting him at a ministerial
gathering and in a spirit of friendship
throwing his arms around him and giv-
ing him a bear-like hug. That is quite
as brutal as football.

The German imperial insurance of-
fice threatens to place the property of
the Equitable Life Assurance company
in Germany in the hands of a receiver.
The Equitable will find that Albany
agents and contributions to campaign
funds will do it no good in Deutsch-
land. Of course if a receiver is ap-
pointed it will be because of the
tyranny of the Kaiser's government
and not owing to any fault of the
Equitable.

THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

Louisville Herald.
Speaking of the Jamestown Exposi-
tion, to be held in 1907 in commemora-
tion of the first permanent English
settlement in America, the Toledo Blade
admits that "this is an important his-
torical event, and there will be consid-
erable interest in the celebration." An
important historical event? Well, we
think so. No more important in the
world's annals than the planting on
this soil of the conquering, construc-
tive race which, from permanent dwell-
ing place here, has given liberty to the
world.

A BLACK REPUBLIC.

Manchester Union.
It is reported that Liberia has made
an agreement with England and
France to turn over to them its fiscal
affairs and its internal development.
If such an agreement has been entered
into, it is a confession of failure on
the part of the republic to conduct its
affairs in a satisfactory manner. That
this experiment of a black man's re-
public has been practically a failure
has been known in a general way for
many years. Although the area of
Liberia is about 110,000 square miles, ex-
tending 250 miles along the coast and
from 30 to 100 miles inland, the civil-
ized population does not number 25,
000 and has not developed the country.

SOVEREIGNTY INVOLVED.

Springfield Republican.
If the financial administration carries
with it the system of taxation, then
the sultan may correctly say that the
demand involves his sovereignty over
Turkish territory. There is no doubt
that his sovereignty is undermined by
these operations, yet the powers seem
to have no alternative if they are to
push through to success their scheme
of reform in Macedonia. The cur-
rent reforms, of which the government of
Austria-Hungary has had perhaps the
chief direction for two years past, have
come to nothing tangible, and the more
radical treatment now determined upon

is evidently the next logical step. Ger-
many is unrepresented in the interna-
tional squadron, although this has no
significance, according to official state-
ments at Berlin.

LET OKLAHOMA IN.

Topeka Herald.
The creation of the new state of
Oklahoma, composed of the present
Territory of Oklahoma and Indian Ter-
ritory, will probably be one of the fea-
tures of this winter's work in Congress.
Public sentiment favors the creation
of this new state, and both houses of
Congress are apparently in accord with
the feeling of the people. The failure
of political manipulators to induce the
people of Indian Territory to follow
the foolish attempt to make a state
of that Territory alone indicates that
the people of the two Territories are
ready and willing to enter the Union
as one state.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the December issue of the New
Psychology magazine, suggestion,
there is a chapter on the "Psychology
of Habit and Character," taken from a
work by Prof. James of Harvard. This
magazine deals with problems relating
to health, happiness and success, and
the editor endeavors to show the im-
portance of the mental or psychic
forces in the affairs of life.—High Drexel
Building, Chicago, Ill.

The December number of Appleton's
Bookkeepers Magazine is one of the fine
literary offerings of the season. The
frontispiece consists of two drawings
illustrating the Christmas poem, "The
Princess of the Tower," by Bliss Car-
man. Other features are: "Mamma-
re," Alvan F. Sanborn; "We've Battled
He Played," a poem, Charles S. Chap-
man; "Mr. Brooke," a story, Booth Tar-
rington; "Nature's Secret," a quatrain,
Arthur Stringer; "The Sage Hen's
Samson," a story, Harry Leon Wilson;
"Peveril," a study of the self-made
man, George Horace Lorimer; "The
Cleansing Vase," a Christmas sketch,
Mabel Herbert Usher; "In Cure of Her
Soul," a serial story, F. J. Stimson ("J.
S. of Dale"); "The Work of Robert
Reid," a story, "Four Christmas
Prizes," Robert Reid; "Algebra in Transi-
tion," Dr. Maurice Baumfeld; "Two
Americans," a Christmas story, Kate
Jordan; "Tornaria the Beautiful," Car-
oline Baker Kirby; "Winter Dreams,"
a poem, Jessie Storrs Ferris; "An
Army with Banners," a story, Robert
Shadlen; Japan: Our New Rival in
the East," Harold Bolter; "Current Re-
flections," Edward S. Martin; "The
World for a Month," and "The Books
of the Month,"—438 Fifth Ave., New
York.

SALT LAKE THEATRE GEO. DYPPIR LAKE THEATRE MANAGER.

TONIGHT AND ALL WEEK.
Henry W. Savage Offers George Ade's
Record Comedy.

The College Widow

Prices—50c to \$1.50; Matinee—25c to \$1.50.

Next Attraction: W. T. Carlton in
"WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING
HOME."

New Grand Theatre

DENVER THEATRE CO., Props.
A. C. SMILEY, Manager.
Ind. Phone 331, Bell Phone 333-k.

Booked house yesterday. TONIGHT,
Kilbuck and Gaszlow's massive scenic pro-
duction.

On the Bridge At Midnight.

Next Week: RICHARD & PRINGLES
MINSTRELS.
Fables in arms not admitted to any per-
formance.
Night Prices—25c, 50c, 75c. Matinee—25c.

LYRIC THEATRE

TONIGHT AND ALL WEEK!
THANKSGIVING MATINEE TODAY.

THE TIGER LILLIES

Commencing Saturday matinee, "The
Night Prices—25c, 50c, 75c. Matinee—25c.

Salt Lake Theatre

FREE FOR LADIES ONLY,
Monday Afternoon, Dec. 4
2:30 O'Clock.

A Scientific Lecture on
BEAUTY CULTURE AND
FACIAL GROOMING, BY

PROF. CRISTION

Late of Paris, France, Academy of
Science.

Beauty Prof. to
MMES. BERNHARDT, CALVE,
PATRI AND LANGTRY.

Assisted by
MME. L. M. MAY, B. D.

One of the most beautiful women of
her age.

Monday afternoon's lecture is free.
Tuesday afternoon, admission 25c.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Giles Mercantile Agency and the
Applegate Mercantile Agency, both
Agency have consolidated and business
will hereafter be conducted under the
name of The Giles-American Mercantile
Agency, Sept. 1 the business will be lo-
cated at 409 1/2 4th St. Walker Bldg.
Opp. Court. Phone 250 for reports and
for collections.

LEE KIM YING

The Celebrated Chinese Physician.
113 West South Temple Street,
Thousands of Testimonials. Cures
Cured of Consumption, Catarrh,
Hemorrhages and Every
Disease and Sick-
ness.
Herbs Used. No Poisonous Drugs.

TEA
You don't read advertise-
ments; why are you reading
this?
Your grocer returns your money if you don't like
Schilling's.

Maybe We Talk Too Much

About our M. & P. Paint. If it
wasn't the good paint it is we
wouldn't dare say as much as
we do.

Morrison,
Merrill & Co.
No. 23 MAIN ST.
Property Paint Providers.

Xmas Gifts!

We have the kind you've been
looking for,
FINE PERFUMES,
TOILET ARTICLES,
And a Complete Stock of fine
Hair Brushes.

WILLES-HORNE DRUG CO.,
News Building,
Both Phones 374, By the Monument

Western Wonders Worth While

Cannot be enjoyed when you
travel, unless you travel in
comfort. We have a traveling
roll, so made that it will con-
tain all necessary toilet articles.

It is for ladies, and may be
purchased either in silk or
leather. It is just the thing to
take on a trip, saving room in
any kind of a grip.

Schramm's

Where the Cars Stop.
The Great Prescription Drug
Store.

Invitation Special

Miss Eva Snow will be
delighted to have you
call and see her HAND
PAINTED CHINA
EXHIBIT at the

HALLIDAY DRUG CO'S

NEW STORE
Opposite and South Salt Lake
Theatre, Commencing Monday
Nov. 27th
Phones 886

YARDS ARE FULL.

ARE NEVER OUT OF
PEACOCK ROCK SPRINGS
COAL.

Central Coal & Coke Co.,
"At the Sign of the Peacock."
25 South Main St. Phone 290.

JOHN C. CUTLER JR., INVESTMENT BANKER

(Established 1893.)
STOCKS AND BONDS
BANK AND SUGAR STOCKS.
High Grade Investment Securities
Bought and Sold
Tel. 127-R. 84 Main St.

EDWARD L. BURTON, BANK STOCKS, SUGAR STOCKS.

And other High Grade Investments
Bought and Sold

At Z.C.M.I.

SHOPPING HEADQUARTERS FOR EVERYBODY.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY!

An extraordinary opportunity to get a very pretty and useful Christ-
mas present for your little girls. Come here early tomorrow and make
your selection from an immense stock of

CHILDREN'S COATS

Bring the children with you and have them "try on" the coats.
Do not miss this special sale; if you do, you'll regret it.

The Entire Stock of Children's Coats at
ONE-FIFTH OFF REGULAR PRICES.

\$6.00 Coats \$4.80 \$10.00 Coats \$ 8.00
6.50 Coats 5.20 11.00 Coats 8.80
7.00 Coats 5.60 11.50 Coats 9.20
7.50 Coats 6.00 12.00 Coats 9.60
8.00 Coats 6.40 12.50 Coats 10.00
8.50 Coats 6.80 13.00 Coats 10.40
9.00 Coats 7.20 13.50 Coats 10.80

We have the Largest and Best Assortment Ever Shown in the City.
HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!

Christmas Presents For the Little Folks.

Every department of this mammoth institution is crowded with Holi-
day gifts. For the children we have,

Toys of Every Description Dolls in Endless Variety!

Dressed and undressed Kid Dolls, China Dolls, Wool Dolls, Rubber
Dolls, Celluloid Dolls, Dolls with Kid Bodies and Bisque Heads. The
best Doll ever made is one called the "Kestner"—ask for it.

WE INVITE THE BIG FOLKS TO
Visit Our Cloak and Suit Department.

Where we are showing a magnificent stock of New furs in neck pieces,
boas, muffs, etc.

The most exquisite showing of Winter Hats, the very latest weaves
in Dress Goods, thousands of suggestions for Presents in the Notions De-
partment, a beautiful line of Couch Pillows and Bed Comforts. Our Art
Department is filled with a superb showing of Art Needlework, Dress-
work, Stamped Linens, Cords, Skein Silks, Pillow Patterns, etc. Hosiery,
Corsets, Infants' wear, Wool and Muslin Underwear.

WATCH TOMORROW'S PAPER FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
—LARGE AD.

Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution