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THE OUTGOING MAYOR.

At the close of the municipal administration under Mayor Richard P. Morris, it is but just and proper that the public sentiment concerning his official work should receive public expression. The Deseret News recognizes and appreciates the fact that the gentleman who has turned over the affairs of the city to his successor, has been throughout his career, both as treasurer and as mayor of Salt Lake City, an efficient, honest and faithful servant of the people. No man, we believe, will accuse him of a dishonest act or of any intent to advance his personal interests at the expense of the public. His name is a synonym for honor and incorruptibility.

The city has prospered under his direction. Public improvements have been inaugurated and pushed forward with the vigor and ability which are among his distinguished characteristics. His friends and supporters may be found among all the political divisions existing here. Had it not been for the party strife that arose during the few weeks immediately preceding the election of last November, he would have been re-elected with a handsome majority, ranking close to that which he received two years before.

The new party which became successful in consequence of the fight carried on by the two regular political parties will, in our opinion, be compelled by the force of circumstances and the inherent qualities of projected measures for the welfare of the city, to proceed along the lines which he and the majority of the city council so clearly marked out. For what shall be done by the new municipal authorities in the perfection of those plans, they should and doubtless will receive due credit. But the honor of their origin, inception and advancement to their present point, will rest with Mayor Morris and his coadjutors, and will redound to their praise for many years to come.

We are safe in saying that Salt Lake City, since it became populous, with large public and private interests, never had a better administrator than that given by the retiring mayor. He stands out in strong relief and contrast with most of his predecessors in the devotion of his entire time and talents to the discharge of his municipal duties. He has watched over the affairs of the city with unceasing vigilance. His aim has always been the general welfare. He has not been a discriminating partisan in the appointments which he has made, but has been fair and just in his nominations and has kept in view the qualifications of individuals and the requirements of the situation. Having but a minority of the council in political harmony with him, he has yet so managed as to effect good reforms, carry through measures of much merit and prevent by veto many unwelcome and unprofitable appropriations. He has not carried himself in a sphere above the populace, but could be approached with the familiarity indicated in the common sobriquet of "Dick Morris."

He goes out of office with the respect, esteem and affection of a host of friends, including many persons who were arrayed against him on political lines only. We trust that he will find in the business life of an active, intelligent and conscientious citizen, a more lucrative sphere than that in which he has moved since he entered the public service. With his aptitude, good sense, diligent habits and the confidence felt for him in commercial circles, he should attain eminence and wealth and enjoy those liberties that are accessible to men unhampered with public duties and responsibilities.

We but echo the voices of the very large majority of our citizens when we wish for Richard P. Morris the happiest new year of his life thus far, and all the blessings, comforts and honors that may crown the career of one who has labored sincerely and continuously for the benefit of his fellows, and that can come to the brightest and best in the ranks of private life.

THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

Hon. Ezra Thompson, elected mayor of Salt Lake City in November, 1905, now takes his seat for the third time at the head of our municipal affairs. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been in office before and has had arrayed against him strong supporters of two political parties—a very trying position to occupy—he bears the reputation of being an honorable and fair-minded man, of good common sense and business ability, who can be trusted with the control of the city's varied interests.

Although elected by a minority of the voters of the municipality, the majority being divided into two sections, he should receive the support of the entire people of the city in all earnest and just endeavors to promote the public

welfare. This should come to him without regard to religious, political or other differences. We believe that Mayor Thompson will strive to be the representative of the whole people, and not merely the servant or tool of a faction.

This paper will be found on the side of every measure put forth under his administration that is clearly for the public benefit, and will not criticize such public acts as are evidently of that character. But with other public journals, it will maintain the right to express freely its views as to propositions involving the public interest. In doing this, however, there will be no factious opposition on its part nor personal antagonism. The "News" accepts the public verdict and desires to stand by it, whatever opinion it may have held or expressed concerning the spirit that appeared to actuate the promoters of the movement to effect a change in the conduct of city affairs.

All officers elected to serve the public should be sustained in their positions while acting fairly and honorably and efficiently, no matter to what party or faction they owe their present position. The welfare of the city is far above all partisan desires or intentions. That cannot be promoted by any administration without the public support, and we bespeak for Mayor Ezra Thompson and the new municipal administration, fair treatment and due credit for all real endeavors to build up, improve and push forward such measures as may be advanced on those lines. We all want a greater Salt Lake City, a clean, well governed, peaceful and orderly capital for our state, and we hope that every promise made previous to election, for the new mayor and other officials, will be fully realized during the coming two years.

LAST YEAR AND THIS.

According to Bradstreet's review, the past year has been one of almost unprecedented activity in trade, industry and speculation. It was a year of rich rewards to agriculture, of abundance of employment for labor, and of very serious strikes of building and construction activity in all lines, of enormously enlarged bank clearings, totals, and of strikingly small failure damage, considering the immense business done and the unprecedented number engaged therein.

After a review of the past year, the prediction is made, that 1906 will probably surpass its predecessor in material prosperity; in spite of insurance scandals, impending rate legislation, trust and rebate prosecutions, revelations of dishonest banking methods, high money and the effect upon foreign markets of the Russian collapse. But this encouraging outlook does not preclude the necessity of a conservative policy, in matters pertaining to the relations between employers and employees, as well as in financial affairs generally. The Russian situation is, particularly, an uncertain factor, about which it is too early to make predictions.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

While some of our statesmen are talking of the exclusion of Japanese from this country, the Japanese themselves are figuring on extending their trade into all parts of the world. To accomplish this, they need at least one large harbor, with modern facilities for handling goods. According to a report by Consul Sharp at Kobe, the Japanese regard Osaka as the coming center of the oriental commerce. That place, they claim, is situated on the highway of the world's commerce, and its position is unique as a distributing center for China, Korea, and the South Sea Islands. It possesses within easy reach many factories turning out articles for export, while in the matter of domestic trade it covers an area containing two-thirds of the total population of the country. For fuel the coal fields in Kyushu will give a practically unlimited supply across the water some two hundred and odd miles in extent. Osaka has already laid the foundation of becoming a great harbor, and if the breakwaters are further extended so as to keep a depth in the harbor of 25 feet, it will become a port possessing as nearly as possible all the essential elements of a large commercial emporium in the Pacific. On the American side, Panama is, in Japan, regarded as destined to become the leading port. Next in importance will be San Francisco, Seattle, Vancouver and Portland.

The Japanese are keen observers, far-seeing and calculating. They are preparing to take the lead among the nations on the Pacific. We doubt whether exclusion acts will be enacted against them, now that boycott has proved a dangerous weapon in the hands of the Chinese.

THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

Those who are predicting the establishment of a Russian republic on the ruins of autocracy, do not seem to find support for their view in the daily events. The government announces its determination to put down rebellion, and as long as a considerable number of loyal soldiers can be found, this will be done. Count Witte announces that, as far as he is concerned, he will take no further step, until the representative assembly meets. It is, he says, to make that meeting possible, that he will exert himself to the utmost to establish order, by putting down the "reds." And in this count Witte is, we believe, perfectly right. Russia's cause should now be championed by constitutional means in a deliberative assembly of the people and not in the secret haunts of revolutionists.

The election law, as now promulgated, does not grant universal suffrage, but it does not disfranchise the poor because they are poor. There will be an election college, to vote for representatives, but among those who will be privileged to vote for electors are factory workmen, small merchants, government employees and professional men with the smallest of income. There is no radical discrimination. For the first time in modern Russian history a fundamental law is applied to Jewish and Christian subjects alike, and equality of rights recognized.

organized. This alone is a notable feature. There are, undoubtedly faults to find with this law granting the franchise to the people. It is not all that the most advanced Liberals could wish for. But it is a long step in advance of autocracy, and defects can be remedied from time to time, as experience proves reforms necessary, and safe.

Is the Russian revolt killed or merely scotched?

Call money continues to keep a stiff upper lip.

New Year resolutions and toys can now be had at your own price.

Morales is a fugitive, but whether from justice or revenge it is hard to say.

Candidate Mason doubtless mistook the President's good wishes for his sympathies.

At any rate, the present session of Congress cannot run any further than next December.

At Annapolis "Number 10" seems to be as much of a mystery of "Number 1" as "Clan-na-Gael."

Lieutenant Scharrer must begin to believe that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Joseph Chamberlain should acknowledge the corn and frankly avow that he wants the corn laws revived.

Mabelle Gilman plays "Leah, the Forsaken." It was her forsaken condition that first drew William E. Corey to her.

John A. McCall couldn't repay the Hamilton money in a lump sum because he is a poor man. His poverty is something distressing to behold.

Secretary Shaw will anticipate the February interest on government bonds. Will he realize all his anticipations so surely as that one?

Mayor Thompson is just beginning to learn who are the men to whom he directly owes his election. And they all want him to give substantial recognition to the fact.

Not long ago John A. McCall said, "No power on earth can make me resign." Either he has changed his mind since then or some new power has appeared on earth.

Andrew Carnegie has an organist who acts as his alarm clock, and arouses him every morning at 7 o'clock with the strains of his instrument. It must be a terrible strain on him, especially upon his internal organs.

Frank Work, the millionaire turfman of New York, thinks it is unreasonable that his daughter cannot live with in her allowance of \$5,000 a month. If his daughter had been brought up to work she could have managed on that amount.

would have been a very strange thing indeed had President Roosevelt expressed to Mr. D. N. Mason, candidate for the British parliament, his hearty sympathy with the Liberal party. The President has made it plain that he did not. Mr. Mason has no doubt made a mistake. Whatever his sympathies in foreign politics, the American executive will scarcely commit the indiscretion of giving expression to them to a stranger who is a candidate for parliament.

Professor F. W. Taussig of Harvard says: "The desire for wealth is not a simple motive, but a very complex one, made up of all sorts of differing passions and instincts. The several aspects or constituent elements of this complex desire may be analyzed under four heads: First, love of ease and comfort; second, desire for distinction; third, the impulse to activity; fourth, the passion for power and mastery." That reads like the symptoms described in a patent medicine ad. Most people have had 'em.

THE PASSING OF STEAM.

Kansas City Journal.
 The announcement that the Pennsylvania Railway company is preparing to do away with steam engines and to use electric motors exclusively throughout its extensive system presages the end of the age of steam and the coming triumph of electricity. The statement may seem startling at first, but as a matter of fact the railroads have been experimenting with electric engines for some time, and their eventual use was a foregone conclusion. Not only in the matter of speed, but in every other respect electricity has the advantage over steam as a motive power.

AMAZEMENT IN PENSION OFFICE.

Harpers Weekly.
 William H. Elliott, an Indiana Civil War veteran, has refused to accept an accumulated pension of \$16,500 on the ground that he was never in a skirmish nor heard a shot fired. This is remarkable enough, but what is more so is the fact that it was with the greatest difficulty he convinced the pension office he was not joking.

WHEN THE "PRISONER" LIBERATES HIMSELF.

Rev. J. T. Smith in Munsey's.
 And what will happen after Pius X ends the Vatican imprisonment? Probably just what happened the morning after Pius IX entered on that imprisonment in September, 1878—nothing! The world will continue as before, the diplomatic portion somewhat relieved by the winding out of the Roman question; the pope will govern the church, receive ambassadors, admonish cardinals, and send out his encyclical letters, and the understanding with the king of Italy will permit bishops and pastors to take up the work of salvation more freely, and to renew the spiritual condition of the people.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The February Smith's is one of the handsome, large illustrated magazines of the month. The two-color series of half-tones portraits of beautiful women, with which it opens, is one of the notable features. "Wanted, a Parcel Post," by Charles Cochran, and the department, "What Americans Are Thinking," give the magazine a serious touch. The short stories by Charles Fort, Rose K. Weekes, William Hamilton Osborne, and Ethel Owen are pleasing. The

serial by Mrs. George Sheldon, starting in this issue, should prove a strong feature.—39 Seventh Ave., New York.

The following special articles appear in Medical Talk for January: "Man and Wife," "A Shooter Gets Shot," "College Barbarities," "Psychic Nonsense," "Is Beer Nutritious," and "The Fear of Cats."—Columbus, O.

The December number of Business Woman's Magazine has a very good editorial on the Russian situation. Among the special articles are: "What Women Are Doing Today," by Linda Lee, "A Reconciliation with the Dead," by Matilda Moody, and "The Web of Life," by Emma Schrader. There are several poems and some interesting illustrations.—Denver, Colo.

The first number of The Golden Age has made its appearance. It is intended to be a magazine for boys and girls. The initial number is a holiday number, very artistically made up. On the list of contents appear "The Saga of Helge Herewardson," "The Adventures of Whitefoot," some music, and many other good features. It is a well edited magazine.—The Junior Pub. Co., New York.

The January number of Tomorrow, a monthly magazine "for people who think," has made its appearance. It announces that with the beginning of this year it will devote its cover page to portraits of eminent thinkers, such as Lincoln, Voltaire, Paine, Jefferson, etc. Among the subjects to which space is given are, "Marshal Field's Fatal Gun," "Christmas Turkey Graft," "Thirty-five Kinds of Tyranny," and "Race Suicide."—4238 Calumet Avenue, Chicago.

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