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## NO CAUSE FOR BOASTING.

The organ of hatred never tires of  
boasting of what the so-called Amer-  
ican party has done in the line of  
public improvements. It has done very  
little beyond providing jobs for its  
camp followers.

The main public improvements were  
all planned for by a previous adminis-  
tration, and the money was provided  
before the so-called "American"  
crowd commenced its misrule. The  
"American" party tools spent that  
money in violation of the pledges made  
to the people when the money was  
borrowed, and have asked for \$600,000  
more to spend in the same way.

Street improvements have been paid  
for by the citizens at exorbitant rates.  
The party is entitled to no credit for  
such improvements. Its tools are under  
condemnation for the exceedingly bad work  
done, and reasonable charges made.

The building boom that has been a  
blessing to the City is not due to any-  
thing the so-called "American" party  
has done or promised to do, any more  
than the sourdoughs last fall were the  
creations of that party. To the enter-  
prise of private individuals and con-  
cerns, and especially that of Mr. New-  
house, credit is due, entirely, and not  
to the so-called "American" policy.  
Whatever progress has been made the  
last few years, is in spite of the so-  
called "American" policy of robbery,  
and not because of it.

But the party must have credit for  
something. The Retail Merchant, in a  
recent issue, stated that within the  
last six months one real estate firm  
in this city has refunded \$30,000 on  
one trade and has seen \$80,000 go  
elsewhere in another case, merely on  
account of the disorders constantly  
manifested in our newspapers. One  
man from Denver, the same paper  
said, had closed a deal and requested  
a return of his money because his lit-  
tle daughter had gathered from the  
newspapers that this City is a hell-  
hole of immorality and crime.

These are only a few instances of the  
injury done to this City by the insane  
strife for which unscrupulous "Ameri-  
can" party leaders are responsible. We  
have always contended that the City  
has not developed as it ought to have  
done, because of the anti-"Mormon"  
agitation that has been its curse for  
many years. We contend that it will  
never come to its rights as long as the  
conservative business men permit this  
strife to continue.

The "American" party is responsible  
for this strife, no matter how much  
the "organ" endeavors to shift the  
responsibility over upon the Church,  
and especially upon Senator Smoot. In  
the controversy between the wolf and  
the lamb, there can be no doubt as to  
where the responsibility for the trag-  
edy lies. The "American" party lead-  
ers are not lambs in this conflict.

## A FEW ELECTION POINTS.

The coming election is called a presi-  
dential election, but that does not mean  
that a president is elected on election  
day. The people do not vote for presi-  
dent; they vote for electors whose duty  
it is to elect the president.

These electors will assemble in their  
State capitols the second Monday in  
January and ballot for president and  
vice president. Each of these assem-  
blies is called an electoral college.  
There are, therefore, as many electoral  
colleges as there are states.

A peculiar feature about this form of  
election is this, that it is not always  
certain that the candidate with a plu-  
rality of the popular vote gets the of-  
fice. In 1824 Andrew Jackson had a  
plurality of 50,000 over J. Q. Adams  
and in 1836 Grover Cleveland had a  
plurality of nearly 100,000 over Benja-  
min Harrison.

It is sometimes said that every Amer-  
ican boy has a chance of becoming  
president. But has he? What possi-  
ble chance would a candidate from  
Utah, Idaho or Montana have? Or one  
from any of the Southern states? Even  
Pennsylvania and the New England  
states seem to be barred.

Politicians have, therefore, resorted  
to what they consider a debatable  
ground and offered combination tickets  
such as McKinley and Roosevelt, Cleve-  
land and Thurman, Harrison and Reid,  
etc. Since 1872 no man has been elected  
who did not come either from New  
York, Ohio, or Indiana, except Hobart  
of New Jersey, and Adlai Stevenson of  
Illinois, vice presidents. So much for  
the geography of presidential elections.  
A boy who wants to become president  
must live in a debatable state. That  
is, such has been the rule for many  
years.

The total vote for President, includ-  
ing the scattering votes, was 12,528,979,  
in 1904, as against 13,901,566 in 1900—the  
decrease not being due, it is thought,  
mainly to the suppression of negro  
votes in the South.

Congressmen will be elected in all  
the states but Oregon, Vermont and  
Maine, where elections have already  
been held.

The terms of thirty-one Senators of  
the United States expired March 3.  
Democrats have been elected in Ala-  
bama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mary-  
land; a Republican has been elected in  
Kentucky; Vermont has elected a Leg-  
islator that will send two Republicans.  
In twenty-four states Legislatures will  
be elected on the 3rd of November that

will choose Senators in January. These  
states are California, Colorado, Con-  
necticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois,  
Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Ne-  
vada, New Hampshire, New York,  
North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio,  
Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina,  
South Dakota, Utah, Washington and  
Wisconsin. The present Senate con-  
tains sixty-one Republicans and thirty-  
one Democrats.

## SPERRY AND PERRY.

Our magnificent squadron command-  
ed by Admiral Sperry has left Japan  
for China, after an exceedingly pleas-  
ant visit to Japan, during which the  
Japanese have endeavored to outdo the  
countries previously visited, in hospi-  
tality. If the Japanese will return the  
visit, ample proof will be furnished  
that the feelings of good will are mutu-  
al, in spite of all jingoism. Good re-  
sults may confidently be expected from  
this interchange of courtesies. The  
appearance of a powerful fleet in for-  
eign waters should act as a check on  
the war fever of those who always  
clamor for conflict but forget to calcu-  
late the cost.

A little over half a century ago Com-  
modore Perry visited Japan. He found  
a nation very little known to the world  
but fully prepared for the marvelous  
development that followed the open-  
ing of its gates to Western civilization.  
Japan conceded to Commodore Perry's  
requests to open its ports to the trade  
of the world. The concession may have  
been granted largely because Japan  
was not in position to resist or refuse  
the overture. But since that time  
Japan has made wonderful progress  
and the Japanese must realize the im-  
mense results to themselves of Com-  
modore Perry's visit. The visit of the  
fleet at this time means a veritable  
stretching of hands across the sea, a  
better understanding, an exchange of  
courtesies that will help each nation to  
better understand each other and will  
go far toward insuring the peace of  
the future.

The visit of Commodore Perry a little  
over half a century ago and this visit  
of Admiral Sperry form epochs in the  
history of Japan.

## VOTING AMONG FARMERS.

The October issue of Successful  
Farming, gives some straight advice  
to the voters in the rural districts.

Of those who say they will pay no  
attention to politics this year it asks  
this pertinent question:  
That is all right, but has it ever oc-  
curred to you that if you don't make  
up your own mind, somebody else will,  
and it may not be very good if you  
don't have a hand in it yourself?

The paper proceeds to argue that it  
is a great deal easier to get men in  
than it is to get them out, especially  
bad men. "If they once get fairly  
into their warm nest, you may tear  
around and howl and growl and spit  
and bite; but it never amounts to  
much. They are in and they are  
pretty apt to stay till the end of their  
term."

So, the time to get a bad man out  
and good men in is before it is too  
late. The best time—the only time,  
in fact—to vote is when election day  
comes "round."

This advice seems applicable to  
many of our citizens other than farm-  
ers; but the writer quoted is still more  
forcible when he indicates to his farm-  
er friends how he thinks they ought to  
vote in this election.

He says:  
"Another thing. Let parties go this  
fall. Make one of your own. Hunt up  
the good men and work for them. A  
split ticket is not a thing to be ashamed  
of. Sometimes you hear men brag-  
ging that they have voted the straight  
ticket for forty years. My! What a  
lot such men have to answer for!  
"Therefore, spend time to vote. It  
will be time well expended. You will  
sleep better. The country will be a  
better country than it was before and  
so the world will be a better world  
than it would have been if you had  
missed doing your full duty at the  
polls."

We believe that similar conditions  
in voting will occur in many parts of  
the country at this election, and that  
the electors in this State should ex-  
ercise their very best judgment.

## AN OBSERVATION.

A special to the Tribune from Wash-  
ington quotes a letter from a Salt Lake  
er to the effect that "the Mormons are  
more solidly Republican this year than  
ever before, owing to local conditions.  
The bitter fight that is being waged by  
the Salt Lake Tribune and the local  
"American" party leaders against the  
Mormons and Senator Smoot has natu-  
rally driven them together. Taft's  
plurality in Utah will be from 15,000 to  
25,000 and relatively as great in Wy-  
oming and Idaho." So says the alleged  
special.

The observation of the Salt Lake re-  
calls an incident of the Salt Lake The-  
ater rally in which the American orator  
went to the bitter extremes in state-  
ment which showed forth the basic  
"American" party hatred. A woman  
in the rally, who had come to Utah a  
few years before and thought the  
"American" party the one to belong  
to, approached the speaker after the  
rally, and denounced both him and his  
party as an organization of religious  
hatred and persecution. A Catholic  
herself, she remembered too much of  
persecutions to care to be a party to  
them, and she is now a Republican  
worker. The game of hating a church  
for the sake of hatred is paying less  
now than ever it has at any time since  
Utah was first settled. The death of  
Senator Dubois' "Scimitar" for lack of  
funds, and the odium that surely,  
if slowly, is piling up upon the heads  
of the leaders in the policy of con-  
stant and unremitting hatred, from cir-  
cles in which the Church never pen-  
etrates, all forebode a day when the  
Church will be mentioned in other  
than tones of insult, and when matters  
of political policy can be discussed on  
other terms than that which the elk  
of the mountains can make with the  
hungry jackal seeking to close in upon  
it for the first pickings, once its powers  
of defense are gone.

Whatever other qualities the anti-  
"Mormon" crusade has had, that of bit-  
terness has always been unfalteringly  
present. It never has been absent, even  
when the orator referred to has arisen to  
state the issues. It can be located in  
any set of ten words that E. B. Critch-  
low ever uttered, or that Frank I.

Serfit has put forth, or Jos. Lippman,  
on the local controversy. And these  
men, a part and parcel of the old-time  
Kearns political machine, would upon  
the moment of any political supremacy  
take such action that would bring joy  
to only one set of men, and these are  
they who believe that Thomas  
Kearns is a fit representative  
for Utah before the nation, and a  
citizen whose aim and interest  
is in the general welfare. Whatever  
discredit has come to these men  
to those, Kearns has been because bit-  
terness is ceasing to pay, and hatred  
cannot rally the support in misinfor-  
med sections of the country that once it  
could. Whatever new power they gain  
means the return to temporary supren-  
acy of the spirit of persecution and  
hatred. That the day of its return  
has permanently passed is the indica-  
tion of many developing circumstances.

It isn't every oil company that strikes  
oil.

A straw vote often goes against the  
grain.

A week from today all will be over  
but the shouting.

These days everybody talks either  
prose, poetry or politics.

Politicians and balloons are famous  
for their ups and downs.

Hearst keeps some people guessing  
and others considering.

Who sowed the wind for the whirl-  
wind finish of the campaign?

President Roosevelt has given Judge  
Taft's enemies the coup de Grace.

Flowers of speech were abundant in  
Madison Square Garden last night.

There are few men in public life  
today who have not been called liars.

Never before was labor so taffed  
and coddled as in the present cam-  
paign.

Mr. Archibald has not yet said,  
"He who steals my letters steals  
trash."

Count Leo Tolstoy has come out in  
favor of Mr. Bryan. This may be  
called novel support.

How fortunate the theater whose  
tickets are in such demand that the  
scalpers are after them.

The Unity Congregation, Chicago, has  
had a concrete temple built. Will ab-  
stract doctrines be taught in it?

Perhaps the reason so many of the  
moving picture shows are so poor is  
because there is a film before the eyes.

Mr. Gompers' reply to President  
Roosevelt's letter to Senator Knox  
shows that he has the ability to "talk  
back."

It would be pleasant to read the  
Standard Oil's black list of men who  
have gone back on it in the present  
campaign.

With the deer season open and so  
many orators on the stump, it will  
be a miracle if the casualty list is not  
unusually large this year.

Castro "stands pat" on the May 14  
decree and issues shells to the modern  
guns mounted on the forts. There is a  
touch of Cromwellism in this.

Captain Hains' defence will be  
"temporary insanity." Where such in-  
sanity takes the homicidal form, perma-  
nent confinement it the very best  
cure.

John Gilmer Speed is to have an  
article in one of the November  
magazines "About Horse Breeding."  
Presumably it will be on the breed-  
ing of race horses.

Twenty-six sailors belonging to the  
American battleship fleet were left be-  
hind in Japan. It is explained the men  
are not deserters but "were simply  
suffering from excess of hospitality,"  
it is quite a common disease among  
sailors.

It has been discovered that the mil-  
lers are putting only ninety-eight  
pounds of flour into the hundred-pound  
sack. Had it been discovered that a  
hundred pounds were being put in the  
hundred-pound sack, it might have  
caused some surprise.

## JUST FOR FUN.

Teacher—What is a suffragette?  
Wilfred—A female sufferer.—Puck.

"A politician's business," said Uncle  
Eben, "is very often the use of work-  
in' hard to get de public to notice him  
an' den tryin' to get back under cover."  
—Washington Star.

The Doctor—Now that you are going  
to school, Johnny, perhaps you can tell  
me what happens when an irresistible  
force strikes an immovable object."  
Johnny—People send for you, doctor."  
—Life.

Fitting.  
She, John, what is a stock quota-  
tion?

He (on the wrong side of the market).  
Huh! I guess "A fool and his money  
are soon parted" is a pretty good ex-  
ample.—Boston Transcript.

Ananias.

Englishman (in British Museum).  
This book, sir, was once owned by  
Cleopatra.

American Tourist. Pshaw! that's  
nothing. Why, in one of our American  
museums we have the lead pencil Noah  
used to check off the animals as they  
came out of the Ark.—Tit-Bits.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The October Forum opens with the  
customary survey, by Henry Litchfield  
West, of the month's happenings in  
American politics, with special em-  
phasis on the probable influence of  
business depression as a serious factor  
in the coming presidential election. Un-  
der the caption of "Foreign Affairs,"  
Mr. A. Maurice Low has some inter-  
esting things to say regarding the an-  
nexion between Japan and the Saxon,  
apropos of the enthusiastic welcome ac-  
corded the American fleet by Austr-  
lia; and the Moroccan imbroglio, which  
he describes as a bomb that spluttered  
but failed to explode. Alexander D.  
Noyes contributes his quarterly sum-  
mary of the financial situation, and in-  
cidentally gives a clear-sighted expo-

sition of the causes that have recently  
made the cost of living higher, in the  
face of a steady average decline in the  
prices of commodities. Clayton Ham-  
ilton, resuming his current criticism  
of the season's drama, estimates brief-  
ly but to the point, under the title  
"Plays that Pass in a Night," no less  
than ten of the month's new produc-  
tions. The special articles in the cur-  
rent number include a highly sugges-  
tive and somewhat caustic discussion,  
Roosevelt and his Future," a vigorous  
article, by Atty.-Gen. Charles J. Bon-  
aparte, of the responsibility of the news-  
paper, in its aspect as representing  
"Government by Public Opinion," and  
a curiously penetrating and thoughtful  
analysis of the nature of fairy tales, by  
Brian Hooker. Under the department  
of literature, recent important pub-  
lications are reviewed by George H.  
Casamajor, Edward Clark Marsh, Mary  
K. Ford and others; while the conclud-  
ing instalment of Joseph Conrad's  
whimsical Napoleonic romance, "The  
Point of Honor," and two poems of  
rather unusual quality, "The Ameri-  
can Black," by George Herbert Clarke,  
and "Conscience," by Lewis Worth-  
ington Smith, worthily round out the  
contents of the October issue.—45 East,  
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