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IN THE PRESIDENT'S HANDS.

The last act required of the people of Utah relative to admission to the Union has been performed. Today, December 16, at noon, Hon. Frank J. Cannon, Delegate in Congress from Utah, and Hons. J. R. Leatham and Hayt Sherman Jr., of the Utah Commission, officially presented to the President of the United States the engrossed copy of the State Constitution, with the certification of its adoption by the vote of the people. The President promised immediate consideration, remarking that if, upon examination, he found that the terms of the Enabling Act had been complied with, he would take great pleasure in affixing his official signature to the proclamation formally admitting Utah to the sisterhood of States. As the compliance with the Enabling Act has been perfect, and its ascertainment will be a matter of mere formal examination of the Constitution, the official proclamation may be looked for within a very few days.

NOT ALTOGETHER BAD.

There has been a good deal of condemnation of the United States Supreme Court during the past few months in certain quarters, and it has been proclaimed loudly that the highest judicial tribunal in the land is given over wholly to the big corporations and money interests. No doubt there is occasional room for criticising the court of last resort, for its members are but human, and sometimes have been known to voice the general sentiment of the people when perhaps the rigid rules of justice would have required the pursuit of an opposite course. But to say that the Supreme court is in the situation claimed by many agitators, especially among the workingmen's organizations, where it will not administer justice as between the poor people and the rich monopolies, is to make an assertion that is unwarranted by the facts.

An incident that may serve to illustrate this comes in an account of proceedings in the Supreme court on Friday last. The case of Mrs. Nora O'Brien against the Union Pacific railroad was up for hearing. Mrs. O'Brien is a poor woman whose husband, a locomotive engineer in the railway's employ, received injuries in 1892, from which he died. In the lower courts she was awarded damages, and the railway carried the case up. Mrs. O'Brien was too poor to pay the expenses of her counsel to Washington or to retain some one at the capital to represent her, as the only showing her case had was a crudely prepared brief. When the case was called on Friday morning, Senator Thurston put in an appearance, ready to argue the case in behalf of the road for which he has been general solicitor so long, but from which he is now retiring as quickly as convenient, owing to his being in the U. S. Senate. He had read the brief on behalf of Mrs. O'Brien, and quickly detected its vulnerable points. But the court had learned the weakness of Mrs. O'Brien not having an attorney present to argue her case, and before the discussion was through sight of the brightest and best informed lawyers in the country came to the rescue of the poor woman in the persons of the justices of the United States Supreme court themselves, and pointed Senator Thurston so searchingly and unmercifully that it is doubtful if the highest-priced attorney in Washington could have presented the O'Brien side of the case in as favorable a condition as it was when submitted to the court's deliberation for the decision that is to come in the near future.

No doubt when this case is passed upon, justice will be administered as between the railway and the engineer's wife, regardless of the wealth or poverty of either. And as a general proposition it may be safely said that when the justices of the Supreme court are fairly informed on the issues before them, there is not much wavering in favor thus to one side or the other. The justices readily recognize that the safety of the country lies to a great extent in the confidence the people have in the judiciary, and if public speakers and writers throughout the country were as careful to endeavor to conserve that confidence as are the majority of the judiciary, there would be a much higher record for the decisions of that branch of the government than now exists among portions of the country's population.

THE STRUGGLE IN GERMANY.

Quite a struggle is going in Germany between the socialists and the imperialists. The former have during the past week vigorously criticised the existing order of things in the empire and laid before the Reichstag a number of bills, proposing to eliminate from the penal code the paragraphs against lese majesty; for a law of a liberal tendency on the right of association; to repeal the special laws of the various states of Germany; to make the eight-hour work-day obligatory everywhere; to make the franchise uniform throughout Germany; and to amend article 31 of the code so as to require special authority from the Reichstag for the imprisonment of a member of the Reichstag.

It is particularly the government's policy of prosecuting people for lese majeste that at present is the object of attack. Mass meetings are held and protests made against it, and the Germans seem to have sufficient ground for their attitude in this respect. One paper has collected data showing that since August 1st there have been sentences aggregating thirty-one years and two months in jail and five months' imprisonment in a fortress imposed for lese majeste in Prussia alone. And as a rule these sentences are imposed for utterances that in England and every other country, except those absolute despotism rules, would go unnoticed.

It is unfortunate for Germany that in the present struggle the terms socialism and socialists have become so prominent, because it has a tendency to detract the attention from the true nature of the questions at issue. The war broke out with the retirement of Counsellor Caprivi, who was regarded as too liberal in his policy, and the elevation of the present chancellor, Hohenlohe, to the important position. Immediately after, a bill was introduced nominally directed against Socialists, but so sweeping as to include nearly every representative of liberal ideas. The bill was rejected, but others have been proposed hardly less obnoxious. The real struggle is therefore between absolutism and popular government; it is a battle to decide whether the executive of the government shall be the servant of the people or whether the representatives of the latter shall be merely instruments in the hands of the former. Anyone in Germany who boldly takes the more liberal view seems to be regarded as a "socialist" by the supporters of the young emperor.

How the struggle is to end is not difficult to foresee. It may take a long time, but the final result is sure to be a victory for the liberal ideas, as they are founded in reason and the inherent rights of man. The German people are powerful, and will some day assert their sovereignty. It may come with the force of an avalanche, irresistible as were the German armies in the battles for military superiority on the European continent.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The question of municipal ownership of water and lighting systems and other plants that give special service to the public in municipalities, is still being warmly discussed, with the general result that those favoring such ownership make the best showing on existing conditions. One of the leaders of this "movement for municipal reform," as it is called, in New York, is Willard Armstrong, who unqualifiedly declares that after years of careful study he finds that cities which own their street cars, telephones, and water and lighting systems have the best and cheapest service in the world. As to the street lighting proposition he gives these figures: Glasgow, Ms., under private ownership, paid $150 per lamp per year; under public ownership it pays $45. Lewistown paid $152 and now it pays $55 under municipal ownership. The same figures hold elsewhere. For instance, Elgin, Ill., paid $200 to private corporations; it pays $45 under its own management. Fairfield, Ia., paid $175 and it now pays $75; Marshalltown, Ia., paid $125 and it now pays $67.50. While municipal ownership might not produce such good results as this in all cities, there is little question but that many municipalities are so situated that public control is preferable, from a standpoint of both efficiency and cheapness, to private ownership; as, for instance, with Salt Lake City and an electric light system, the corporation now owning sufficient water power therefor, but allowing it go to waste.

FROM NANSEN!

Scandinavian exchanges contain a dispatch from Berlin, in which it is stated that according to news received from Christiania, Norway, the friends of Nansen, who is supposed to have perished in the Arctic regions, are elated, having received word from the explorer by means of a carrier pigeon. The alleged message conveys the information that Nansen is on a smooth ice in those regions, and that he expects the hope that he will soon be able to reach the goal. None of the papers seem to have confidence in the report, while others treat it as a joke.

It is tolerably certain that a message from Nansen would indicate exactly the geographical position of the expedition at the time of the dispatch of the pigeon, and the date of the message. If these details are left out, it cannot be accepted as genuine. Another circumstance is also suspicious. The dispatch comes from Berlin. If Mr. Nansen really had found one of the carrier pigeons returned from the Arctic regions, the news would probably have been wired directly from Christiania, and not from Berlin. It is to fear that an enterprising Berlin newspaper reporter has invented the story for the entertainment of his readers, and that the Scandinavian colleagues have copied it without due consideration of the facts.

STATE OFFICE PETITIONS.

A correspondent writes from Redfield, Emery county, under date of Dec. 10:

Some petitions by the Governor-elect are being circulated among the citizens for signatures. Ask the question whether can a state treasurer of your office be appointed until the Legislature creates the office of State treasurer of school?

Certainly not. But it is there in the minds of many persons so often that the office is necessary and will be created by the Legislature, thrifty office seekers are preparing for the anticipated event so that Governor Wells will not have to waste too much time in searching for persons willing to serve the public for a money consideration. There is a host of applicants for many offices, prospective and otherwise, besides that of inspector of mines, and if the Legislature creates all the offices proposed in such requests it will make a fabric of State officialdom without a parallel in the Union, for its vastness in comparison with the population.

JUDGE BOWERS of Caldwell, has decided that a man need not run from a vicious bull in order to secure damages from the owner of the animal for injuries received. J. R. Crowdis got a verdict Saturday for $3,500 for being tossed by a bull. The owners of the animal urged that Crowdis contributed to his own injury by failing to run till the bull was close upon him. The judge held then that made no difference in the responsibility for the animal being loose. There will be few men, however, who will desire to take advantage of the judge—they will run from a wild bull as early as they discover that he has bad and wild temper.

SALT LAKE county is not the only place where the mileage of members of the county court is a subject of public interest. On Saturday the grand jury of San Bernardino county, California, indicted Mr. Rose for perjury in swearing to false claims for mileage.

ACCORDING to promise, at noon today Utah's representatives with the State Constitution had an interview with President Cleveland; and the curtain was rung up on the last official act that makes Utah a State.

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