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RANK HYPOCRISY.

Governor Cutler very properly characterizes as rank hypocrisy the request made by the club which modestly calls itself "American," that the Attorney-General take steps to dissolve the corporation which is establishing a "red light district" in a new locality. It is rank hypocrisy, and therefore in perfect harmony with the policy and principles of party leaders who pretend to be "American," par excellence, and like the Pharisee on every occasion, in public, thank Heaven that they are not as other men are.

If the members of the so-called American club really want the ghastly flames of the "red-light" district extinguished, they should ask the City authorities to enforce the ordinances relating to the social evil. The members of the club know very well that the State cannot dissolve a corporation on the ground that its intention is to violate the law. They also know that the City has ample authority to take action against the actual violators of the ordinances. When, therefore, they ask the State to do what they know it cannot do, and neglect to demand that the City authorities perform their sworn duty, they prove that they do not want the "district" interfered with.

According to the information we have, the plan of removing the "district" from its present location was first suggested by an enterprising supporter of the first so-called American council, who, upon investigation, discovered that renting out hovels for immoral purposes is quite a paying business. It is claimed that a delegation went from here to Ogden, that a great deal of champagne was consumed on the trip, and that, as a result, the plan for the removal was completed. Mayor Thompson, we have been told, refused to sanction the scheme, and therefore it was dropped, temporarily. Later, it is understood, another expedition to Ogden occurred under the auspices of enthusiastic "American" supporters, and this time, it seems, with more success. Property was bought and building commenced, in spite of the protests of the citizens, in spite of public indignation.

We take the liberty of suggesting that the so-called American club send a petition to the City council asking for immediate action against the manipulators of the "red light" district, as required by the City ordinances; and then, if the "American" council refuses to enforce the ordinances, let the County, or State authorities be appealed to in behalf of public morality. Let us see how that would work.

A SCHOOL BOOK TRUST.

Chicago is wrestling with a special problem in school books. The price of the texts adopted for use in the public schools there has risen steadily in recent months. The publishers declare that the advance in prices is due to a marked increase in the cost of paper and ink. In many instances when a new book has been adopted or a contract renewed for one already in use, there has been an increase of 25 per cent or more in the price demanded.

To combat this tendency various expedients have been used by Superintendent Cooley and members of the board. One of these is the use of the "open list." Books placed on this list are merely authorized, and teachers may use them or not, as they see fit. In many cases the plan has resulted in a substantial saving to the school children. In many more cases, however, the publishers have declined to lower their prices, and the pupils' parents have had to submit to the increase in cost.

It will become a matter of grave concern to the public and to the future of the Republic itself, if taxes and restrictions upon knowledge and education are permitted to curtail the school opportunities of the children in the public schools. Such a "trust" should be speedily "regulated."

A VOICE OF WARNING.

Dr. Albert Buxton, of the Central Christian church, last Sunday preached a sermon to which the people of this City should give more than a passing thought. Seldom has truth been spoken from a pulpit in this City with more force.

Salt Lake, he pointed out, stands indicted for its saloon influence. Its people discuss paying material but are silent on the evil that causes pauperism and idleness. Salt Lake is indicted for gambling and prostitution, and even the juvenile court is made the object of attack by grafters, "while the boys glide down to the penitentiary and the girls to the brothel." Salt Lake, further, stands indicted for "political irreligion." The speaker maintained that the great band of politicians do not know where to find a single church in town, if they did not need votes once a year on the side of "religion and morality." How many of the controlling "circle" of politicians—how many of the first twenty could you find in church today? As many as you could man. Yet in 60 days their cry will be, "Ministers, vote for us and MORALITY."

On the question of prostitution, Dr. Buxton said:

lowing prostitution to flaunt its scarlet robe on murder row, in the exact center of trade. Nay, for being partner in the profits by about a thousand dollars a month. It salaries one or more policemen to watch that the murders there be no noisy as to disturb the theatergoers near by, but if the officer should enforce the state statute, he would find a suburban beat, or a farm job."

The following pen-picture is also worthy of careful scrutiny.

"The warfarer is liable to be jostled into the mud by some half-inbred politician, or his boy be inveigled into a Commercial street den by the politician's lieutenant while they talk a humbugger of morality. Civic virtue here in Salt Lake consists in warning of a Mountain Meadow massacre of over half a century ago, while souls are sweated down today in masses before the perils of our own age. Civic virtue here cheers us to fight a martinet of straw, while the protected pickpocket draws our purse, or the procurer gets our daughter. For years after our Civil war had ceased, why politicians won my father's life to their lustful graft, while they warned him of a South that had a generation ago laid down their arms."

This is the exact situation. Party politicians of the most degraded character are hoodwinking the people, talking about issues that are past, while the present generation is given over to moral and financial ruin. It is pleasing to hear Christian ministers proclaim these truths. They must be spoken; the slumbering consciences of the voters must be awakened, before the hour of redemption can come. The citizens must be made to realize that they—in the first instance—are responsible, if by their votes they turn the city government over to the selfish politician, the grafter, the corrupt manipulator, they must expect deplorable conditions.

Dr. Buxton deserves well of the community for the truths he spoke. If the Christian ministers generally would take a decided stand for clean, truly American politics and pure civic morality, decent citizens of all creeds could unite in the fight against vice in its various forms, and succeed, too. Vice flourishes largely because decent citizens make war upon one another instead of upon the hoveis of vice. An era of good feelings all around would be the triumph of virtue and good government.

BIGOTRY IN ENGLAND.

At this distance the protests of London Protestants against a parade of Catholics, appear as a strange remnant of medieval intolerance. The parade, or procession, was planned as part of the Eucharistic conference. But the King was petitioned to prevent the parade, the protests being particularly directed against the carrying of the Host through the streets. Legally, the Catholics in England are on an equal plane with all other citizens, but such is the popular feeling in England against "popery" that the Premier considered it necessary to interfere and the Catholics abandoned the plan of carrying the consecrated emblems through the streets.

There are in the United Kingdom about 6,000,000 Catholics, of which about half live in Ireland, 2,500,000 in England and Wales, and 400,000 in Scotland. In high society the Catholics are well represented, but there is no Catholic political party in Great Britain, their influence being pretty well divided between Conservative and Liberals. Everything considered, it is strange that the popular antagonism against the Catholics should be as strong as it is in liberty-loving England. But, it is not strange, after all. Right here in America, "the land of free," bigotry exists just as gross as anywhere in the world, and politicians do not hesitate to take advantage thereof.

A STRANGE CASE.

An account of restoration to life after life had, apparently, become extinct, is given in eastern papers. A negro boy at the Emergency hospital in Washington, so the story goes, was suffering from an infected knee which compelled amputation. While under the influence of chloroform he suddenly ceased to breathe, his heart and pulse stopped, and his body grew cold. Artificial respiration was tried without effect and after waiting six minutes it was determined to try direct treatment of the heart. This is what is said to have happened.

"The boy's abdomen was opened and for seven minutes the doctor massaged the patient's heart with his fingers. Finally when he was about to give up all hope, the boy took a faint involuntary breath, and for several minutes the heart pulsed gently. Playing the bag with the fingers to stimulate circulation of the blood, the physician, after eighteen minutes, had the heart pulsating normally and knew that he had revived the child. For a day and a half following the operation the boy remained in excellent condition and every hope was held out for his recovery. But the infection of the knee had spread to the side and affected the glands of the neck. Blood poisoning set in, and despite all further efforts the boy died."

If the facts are as stated, this was a genuine case of life restored. The boy was pronounced dead, and no ordinary restoratives availed. After an actual lifeless existence of considerable duration, the heart resumed its functions. After such results achieved by science, there is less justification for the skepticism that pronounces against the miracles of the Scriptures.

THE CONTEST IN IDAHO.

If there is anything anti-"Mormon" agitators are afraid of it is impartial investigation of their extravagant claims and crooked schemes. They are afraid of the light. As long as they can deal in generalities and keep prejudices stirred up by falsehoods, they feel safe, but they hate the truth. This was evidenced lately, in the effort made by the supporters of Dubois to prevent an investigation by the court of the methods by which they succeeded in putting a ticket in the field. The court was appealed to by Democrats for a decision as to which division of the party is entitled to the party name. Dubois' followers denied the right of the court to enter into the merits of the contention. They did not want an impartial investigation. But the Idaho supreme court has taken another view, and the contest will be reviewed in detail.

There is very little doubt of the outcome of an impartial investigation. Generally, when the issues involved in the

war carried on by anti-"Mormon" agitators have been before the courts, the agitators have been defeated, on account of the weakness of their cause. They have been strong only when at the head of mobs, and as the leaders of plotters.

Look not upon the special when it is "red."

A "model husband" is quite apt to be a stick or blockhead.

The Iowa, "stand-patters" cannot stand Governor Cummins.

It isn't wise to look ahead when the speeding auto is behind you.

In politics October states tell which way November winds blow.

Many a man who is particular about splitting hairs is careless about splitting infinitives.

"What is the duty of the hour?" asks an exchange. To watch the minutes, we should say.

Freddy Dubois has just had another round, and after it he came up very "grogy," indeed.

Why do not the Omaha authorities call in Pat Crowe to help solve the Rustin murder?

Whether or no a man is successful depends in large measure on his psychological bent.

If a man should attempt to do as men say he should do, he soon would be completely undone.

A noiseless gun having been invented, why cannot someone invent a way for making Sundays noiseless?

If a man would find out what following he has all he has to do is to cry, "Stop thief!" and start running.

Hobson's choice has not undergone any change. It is still for a hundred and forty-eight battleships of the first class.

"Well done!" is the comment on Governor Cutler's very proper reply to the impudent appeal of the impudent "American" club.

A splendid and truthful indictment of the "American" administration is Rev. Albert Buxton's sermon, "Is Salt Lake Another Sodom?"

Mr. Bryan wants to know why Judge Taft does not speak for himself rather than have the President speak for him. Probably because self praise is no praise.

Mr. Bryan does not believe in counting his chickens before they are hatched. He very sensibly says that he will wait till he is elected before making any cabinet selections.

The forest fires in California and elsewhere in the west and northwest have finally been extinguished. They certainly were in every sense of the word a burning shame.

For some years to come Japan's watchword will be economy, and retrenchment in military and naval expenditures. Again the light comes from the east. Let the west follow it.

A WORTHY SUGGESTION.

Springfield Republican.
It is of truly national interest to learn that at the recent encampment of the Grand Army at Toledo, O., there is a strong undercurrent among the Union veterans in favor of a joint encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United Confederate Veterans in one of the border states. It was felt that this would be a welcome move for completely wiping out the old feeling of antagonism between north and south, and it is said that the idea was hailed with pleasure by many of the influential leaders of the northern organization. Col. J. A. Watrous of Milwaukee, past department commander of Wisconsin, says that there should be inaugurated at such a convention a movement for the erection of a joint monument to the memory of Gen. U. S. Grant and Gen. Robert E. Lee at Appomattox, and of all the soldiers who fought in the war of the rebellion.

COUNTY FAIR.

Washington Herald.
Blessed be the man who can go to a county fair and be "helled" by every other fellow he meets, and slapped on the back by the rest of them! He has the remainder of creation backed to the ropes, so far as having a good time is concerned. The races he plays are between horses he knows, and the money he bets wouldn't buy any battle ships! If he patronizes the little which-shell-is-it-under game the gentleman in the red necktie is operating, and loses his coin in consequence, what cares he? It's a mere bagatelle, anyhow—the price of a bushel of wheat, or ten pounds of cotton, mayhap. The county fair is one of America's great institutions. May the day never come when we shall be compelled to say we have seen the last of it.

BUTTONS AND DIVORCE.

Milwaukee Sentinel.
Because his spouse positively and absolutely refuses to sew the buttons on his breeches, a man who once stood high in the social and political life of Des Moines asks that the matrimonial cord be sundered. He does not state how often this humble and sometimes imperative function of household life must be performed—whether once a week or once a year. Does sewing on buttons constitute, per se, a part of the legitimate duties of a dutiful wife? Does the marriage vow of the good woman who promises to "love and obey" include this important function of civilized society? If not, what are wives for anyway? If so, the already overloaded divorce courts will be simply swamped. Facing either horn of this dilemma, many an unhappy husband will cry aloud, "Which way I fly is—!" On such a slender thread hangs the frail fabric of our domestic life.

JUST FOR FUN.

One Blessing.
Misses (fanning herself, to maid):—Oh Emily, isn't it hot? They say it's 89 in the shade!
Maid—Well, miss, we can only be thankful there ain't much shade!—Punch.

Their Only Job.
"Why, Mrs. White," began the Summer visitor newly returned to Saymouth, "how those maples of yours have grown since last year! It's perfectly amazing!"
"Oh, I do know it's anything to

wonder at," said Mrs. White, easily. "They ain't got anything else to do."—Youth's Companion.

Useless.
Gatemans (at the musical comedy)—Castleton—No.
"Well, take this pass check, anyway. You can hand it to some chap on the outside."
"My dear fellow, I haven't an enemy in the world."—Life.

The Pace.
"How fast is your steam yacht?"
"About a case of champagne an hour."—Life.

"Life."
Life is merely a dash between two periods.—Life.

Well Up.
"Is your son delirious in his studies, Mrs. Comeup?"
"Yes, indeed, he is, and it makes us so proud of the dear."
His teachers say so.—Baltimore American.

A Black-Hand Stroke.
Mr. Moreby—Chaperones are regular nuisances, aren't they?
Miss Pouchbottom—No, not always. If it wasn't for my chaperone, some man would hang around me all day.—Puck.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The September number of the North American Review opens with an extremely able article by Henry Wade Rogers, dean of the law department of Yale university, on "The New Federalism" and its dangers. Colonel Charles W. Larned, U. S. A., gives a startling proof of "The Inefficiency of the Public Schools." Professor Archibald Henderson, of the University of North Carolina, pays a tribute of appreciation to "George Meredith." William S. Rosseter presents "A Common-Sense View of the Immigration Problem." Henry White discusses "The Labor Unions and the Presidential Campaign." Police Commissioner Theodore A. Bingham recites some disturbing facts regarding "Foreign Criminals in New York." Mundell Bey tells the story of "The Regenerated Ottoman Empire." Percy Mackaye emphasizes the necessity of "Self-Expression in the American Drama." Salvatore Cortesi describes the present relations between "Italy and the Triple Alliance." John Grier Hibben descants upon "The Paradox of Research." Lucius P. C. Gardner, in an article entitled, "Labor and the Tariff," endeavors to show how the tariff hurts the interests of the working man. The seventh installment of Sydney Brock's series of articles on "The New Ireland" deals with the movement for agricultural co-operation. In the literary department Noyes "Golden Hymns and Other Poems" is reviewed by Clayton Hamilton, and Symons' "Symbolist Movement in Literature" by Christiana aas. The department of "World Politics" contains communications from London, Berlin and Washington.—Franklin Square, New York.

The October issue of People's Magazine contains 122 pages of complete fiction, 22 pages of theatrical photographs on extra fine white paper, as well as a highly artistic full-colored art insert of undoubted merit. This insert is a careful reproduction of a painting of Madame Calve in a typical pose in Ziet's opera, "Carmen." The fiction includes a complete novel and more than a score of other tales among which will be found another complete short story in "Billings-Hobbs" series, which Edward S. Pilsworth has for a long time been writing for this magazine. Among the many other contributors are John Barton Oxford, Periton Maxwell, Minna Irving, Horace Hazeline, Broughton Brandenburg, Aloysius Coll, Jay Harlow, and others whose names are too numerous to list. The contents are exceedingly well diversified.—New York.

With its double series of photographic art studies and pictures of stage favorites, with its complete novel as well as a collection of short stories, essays and articles, the October Smith's is sure to attract attention. The complete novel, "The Taming of Babette," is by Elmore Elliot Peake. It is a tale of the Tennessee mountains and of a young minister of the church militant who goes there to take charge of a congregation composed of moonshiners and fighters. The love-story of "Babette," the daughter of the head of one of the mountain clans, is charming in its simplicity. Anne O'Hagan's contribution to the number is a paper, "The Engagement Is Announced." Rupert Hughes has in this number an interesting article on "The Invention of Opera," and Charles de Kay contributes an article entitled "A Distinguished Painter of Portraits," describing the work and personality of Irving R. Wiles. Annette Austin has written for the October Smith's a strong and timely article, "The Sure Girl's Chance." Katherine Louise Smith contributes a few hints on business for women and Florence Augustine an article on "Beauty in the Speaking Voice."—79-89, Seventh Ave., New York.

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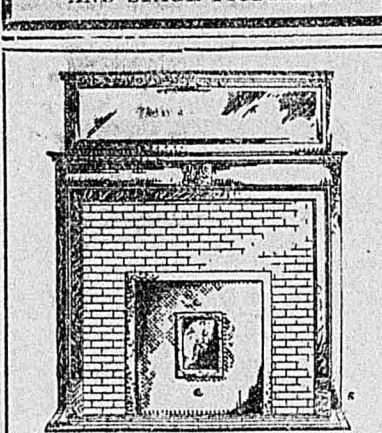
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