

Central bureau, an amount of good would result, so great that it would be hard to estimate. The wards that need a blacksmith, carpenter, shoemaker, school teacher, music teacher, or any other kind of labor; or that desire to be strengthened by new settlers, could have their wants supplied; while the wards in the populous Stakes that have an overplus of labor would be relieved. Thousands of persons who depend wholly or in part upon charity for their support could be made self-sustaining and consequently happy. And how easily all this can be accomplished!

Just now the Central bureau in this city can furnish to any of the Stakes desiring it a large amount of labor of all kinds, especially carpenters, a large number of whom it has on its lists. It can also furnish a large number of families who would like to till land on shares, and wards and Stakes that have farming lands to let on shares ought to make the particulars known without delay. The families who seek this kind of employment usually have little means, and will work on favorable terms where the land, teams, implements, etc., are furnished. Farmers who have more land than they can cultivate should report to their Bishops.

One thing should be remembered: The laborers furnished through this organization are Latter-day Saints. They have obeyed the Gospel and have gathered to Zion to serve the Lord, and hence, in point of honesty at least, are equal if not superior to the best laborers in the world.

In a spirit of kindness, and of sympathy for the manifold labors that pertain to the Bishops' office, the "News" expresses the hope that they will, in all the Stakes of Zion, be diligent in co-operating with the Industrial bureau, by filling out its blanks from time to time, and filling them with the Stake bureau. By so doing they will relieve the needs of their own wards, reduce the number of persons drawing support from the tithing office, Relief society, etc., increase among the poor a spirit of manly independence, make weak places strong, and aid wonderfully and in many ways in building up Zion, both temporally and spiritually.

A CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

It is proper that the voters of this city should understand, early and thoroughly, that the non-partisan committee intends to have a strictly clean campaign. It will not tolerate, where it has control, any abuse of opposing candidates nor any language nor methods that are not elevated and dignified. No candidate will be either asked or allowed to pay towards the expenses of the campaign any fixed sum in the nature of an assessment. What funds are needed will be raised in a manner that will leave candidates free from all obligation on this score, and relieve them of all suspicion of any design to reimburse themselves out of the public funds by any method or under any pretense.

Whatever measures may be taken to secure the election of the non-partisan ticket will be absolutely open, above board, and free from taint. The full light of open day will be thrown upon them. There will be no secret deals, contracts nor combinations to place candidates, if successful, under the slightest pressure to use their offices for the discharging of any obligations other than those due to the whole people.

Another thing the people of this city ought to understand: Every name on

the non-partisan ticket was thoroughly and conscientiously considered before it was placed there. It was asked: Is he fitted for the place? Can he be depended upon to discharge its duties honestly and faithfully? Is there any possible valid objection to him as a candidate? No nominating convention that could be created in this city by the usual methods could possibly give such thorough, careful and disinterested consideration to each name discussed for a place on the ticket. While men's private lives and affairs have not been pried into, their fitness for office has been most thoroughly debated, pro and con, before they were agreed to by the committee. Yet there has remained, as is inevitable, the possibility of making a mistake. If such action of the committee shall be necessary as to strike from its ticket the name of a candidate that has been placed thereon, the fact will speak volumes of the high purpose that has governed the framing of the ticket. The rejection of one of the candidates after being formally nominated does not necessarily reflect upon his personal character or integrity. It will merely signify that the committee has reason to believe he is not a suitable person to hold office under the non-partisan regime it is endeavoring to establish. So that, should valid objection appear to any name on the ticket, it will be promptly stricken off. The committee is resolved that the voters of the city shall not be asked to sustain at the polls on the non-partisan ticket any candidate against whose election a well taken objection can be urged. No political pressure, pull, inducement or combination of any kind has cut any figure in the framing of the ticket, nor will any such influence hold any name upon it if the committee shall become convinced that the individual ought not to be a candidate. In other words, the non-partisan movement and ticket are designed to be in the interest of the people and good government, to the complete exclusion of every other consideration.

IS ANDREE DEAD?

The telegraphed expressions of Lieut. Peary, to be found in another column of this paper, are interesting reading, as nearly all expressions from such source are. This officer is a man of great determination, hardihood and perseverance, one who may now with propriety be rated among the Arctic explorers of the age. While it remains a fact that his expeditions so far have been simply expeditions, that the contributions thereby to the fund of scientific information have not been great and the added light shed upon the darkened field has not to a great extent increased its brilliancy, it still remains true that he has made a good many such trips and thereby become toughened to the business while acquiring the necessary experience. He is also a man of education and attainments, a close observer of events and circumstances, and knows considerably of the subject of which he speaks.

Peary's opinion is that Andree has perished without getting as near to the Pole as Nansen did. This opinion is but an opinion and is largely shared by the civilized world, but it amounts in either case and all cases to a conjecture growing out of the absence of information from the aeronautic explorer. It is not a case of no news being good news, but the reverse. Lieut. Peary thinks that Andree should have reappeared before this and the fact

that he has not goes to show that he never will appear. Perhaps this is the sorrowful truth, yet until hope is destroyed it will be clung to. The American has himself never been within hailing distance of the pole and is therefore not in a position to speak with certainty regarding the conditions prevailing there. If there is a circum-polar wave of air, as there is believed to be of water, whose swing is ceaselessly around the northern end of the earth's axis, and the Norwegian and his companions have drifted into this, then indeed are they lost to the haunts of man forever. Happily, this, like all things else that are written or spoken on the subject is the merest conjecture and the intrepid trio may be safe and sound in some place remote from communication. It is the part of humanity to hope so at least.

Lieut. Peary has a plan of his own for reaching the pole and this, like many other things in life, is heralded as the only true and genuine. He has a fund of \$150,000 with which he will thoroughly and systematically equip an expedition for the long term of five years. With so much means and time at his disposal he promises to reach the objective point or join the silent caravan in which Franklin, De Long and so many others have enrolled themselves; that is, he will not return at all. His plans seem feasible enough, but so have they all seemed—on paper. The frozen zone is not only a deadly but an unflinching demolisher of theories and metaphorically speaking it "laughs to scorn the power of man." Up to date the North Pole remains the great Moloch of the hidden zone; life, treasure, effort and time, all without stint, have been offered up as sacrifices to the insatiable monster, and assuredly the end is not yet.

THREATS AND THINGS.

It is darkly hinted that in the event of the United States causing the evacuation of Cuba by the Spanish the effete despotism of Austria will take a hand in the game. The queen regent of Spain is the offspring of the Hapsburgs and of course this is the milk that is in the cocoanut. If such a thing should ever occur, which in the light of reason must be extremely doubtful, it would only be a case of the blind leading the blind. Adding weakness to weakness does not make strength by any means, and Austria is not much stronger than Spain, not so strong on the seas. The "little corporal," otherwise the great Napoleon, in the early part of this century knocked the pins from under the vainglorious and unsubstantial Austrian empire and made a second-class nation of it in short order; except in point of population it does not properly at the present time figure ahead of the third class, and in the matter of fighting ability is not much, if any, ahead of Italy.

At the same time Japan breathes forth another note of warning. If Uncle Sam is not careful he may have trouble over there because of the Hawaiian question. It seems as if all the swallows and jackdaws and magpies of the international forest were on the alert for an assault upon the eagle when some one of them shall muster up sufficient temerity to open the proceedings. Meantime he is attending strictly to his own affairs, but occasionally takes a little time to sharpen his beak and keep his talons in