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KEEP TO THE WORK.

The finance committee made another good strike in its report to the City Council at the last session, whereby a further reduction of about $106,000 in the city's expenses was recommended. It is true that some radical changes are necessary to carry this retrenchment into effect, but the situation is such as to demand them, and generally speaking the recommendations are all good. In its work of reducing expenses the finance committee thus far has been acting in a spirit that is thoroughly representative of the public will; and while a keen blade has cut in places here and there where personal interest has felt to object, the public good has demanded such wielding of the paring instrument as has been done.

We hope that the majority of the Council has the backbone to stand by what the finance committee recommends; and that the committee will keep to its work of retrenchment until the whole administration is on a firm business and financial foundation. There are still a few superfluous clerkships that can be lopped off in behalf of good government, and these should not be passed by in the interest of political "pulls." It was stated by a member of the Council that some of the cutting had been inadvisable, and an instance was referred to. The cut was all right, but the competent man it affected should have been transferred to the place of the one who was incompetent to perform the duties assigned him. The bluff that the former Council did all right in the face of "the bankrupt scare" should not work. The former Council did its full share in bringing the city nearer to a state of bankruptcy than it was before, and deserves blame therefor. The taxpayers are in a better condition now than ever before to settle scores with any councilman who disregards the public's demand for an honest and economical administration of city affairs. They are also in the situation to approve and reward the city officer who gives efficient service in the line required by the people. Roll the good work along!

ARIZONA'S OFFENSE.

Bradstreet's, repeating an opinion boldly announced by the majority of eastern papers, concludes that perhaps the most weighty objection urged against the bill for Arizona's admission to statehood was the practical certainty that the admission of the territory would add to the weight of the free coinage element in the Senate. It is difficult to believe that such can be the truth, and had it come from any less reliable source, it ought to be the pleasure of the American press to brand it as an aspersion upon the justice of American congressmen, and a falsehood put in circulation by enemies of the great Republic.

For we hold the alleged objection to be not only most unworthy but wholly unconstitutional. The qualifications for admission to the Union are nowhere set down to include so-called "soundness" on the financial question or any other such subject. It would be as fair and as proper to deny the boon of self-government to a territory because its citizens were inclined to prohibition, or woman suffrage, or a protective tariff, or to state banks of issue, as to refuse them statehood because they believed in the use of silver as well as gold as money. What their views may be upon bimetallism is as little the business of Congress as is their politics or their religion. If they have the necessary population and resources to render them capable of sustaining its burdens, and have by experience shown their love for American institutions, statehood may not be denied them. And the understanding might as well be had first as last that all these sneers about "borough constituencies" as compared with the large populations of some of the older states, and about "silver heresy" as compared with the pragmatical financial bourbonism of the gold school, are as certainly buried back as the top-lofty and autocratic East can wish for. The aim of every western commonwealth should be to pursue honestly the tenor of its way, and develop within its people the highest standard of patriotism. A time will come when such qualities will be more in demand than any of the other hobbies that now becloud the minds of congressmen when the matter of admitting another state into the Union is discussed. Size never yet was a sure sign of soundness, nor is there reason to believe that all the truth upon any proposition is contained within one narrow view of it. We could have wished that if the day of Arizona's emancipation had to be postponed, a better argument had been made than that her senators would be "silverites." If that, however, is really the head and front of her offending, the hour of her deliverance cannot be long delayed. The gold cure is recognized to be potent, but it is neither a remedy nor a preventative for all imaginary disorders.

DIVISION OF EUROPE.

A sensational story is going its round in foreign exchanges at hand, to the effect that the German emperor is contemplating a complete revision of the map of Europe. The story first appeared in a Paris paper, on the authority of a "diplomat of high standing." According to the statements there made, Emperor William on the 16th of December last year paid the French ambassador in Berlin, M. Herbette, a visit, and conversed with him about the future politics of Europe. The emperor, as will be remembered, has recently in an allegorical drawing represented the European continent as threatened by a great foe, the Asiatic races. This was the subject of the conversation, and he emphasized particularly that England's power must be broken before Europe can be united. The politics of England, he stated, had always been to take advantage of international disputes. "Be assured," the emperor said, "that the day the millions of the East are coming to inundate Europe, England will be found to be their ally. The interest of England all over the world, and her great aim, is to break down all our civilization in order to be able to preside when a new order of things is to be established."

The emperor further expressed his conviction that only one combination could save Europe. He wanted an alliance between Russia, Germany and France. The czar, he said, had the same view; but what of France?

After this introduction the emperor unfolded a map of "the Europe of the future." On this the continent was divided in three large parts only. Within the boundaries of France were the whole of Belgium and the greater part of Holland, and all the country to the Tiber in the opposite direction. Germany included Denmark and Luxemburg to the north and all the country to Venice in the south. Russia had the Scandinavian peninsula and Hungary.

THEY HAVE IT HOT.

Utah people are given to occasional boasting of their climate, although sometimes, when the thermometer gets along toward the 90's in the summer or down about the zero mark in winter, or when a January blizzard or March wind comes along, they manage to keep pretty quiet. But with these slight variations they still have reason, in comparison with most other places on the globe, to be thankful for special climatic advantages conferred. Take, for instance, the experience Australia has been having, and which to a Utahian is less harrowing to read about than to have personal knowledge of. It is said that Australia's record for two weeks in January was unprecedented, but the fact that it has been nicely approached even on rare occasions is sufficient to prove that Australia's advantages in the line of climate are not of the first order, except for roasting poor mortals.

The Australian papers which came to hand today give details of occurrences during the heated period, telling of many persons dying from sunstroke, horses falling in the streets, stock dying by hundreds in the field, grapes being cooked on the vines, grain being shelled out, and green crops almost ruined. For days the temperature ranged from 90 degrees up, in some places reaching 122 degrees in the shade. Bush and field fires served to increase the damage, the air being filled with dense clouds of smoke, and in many sections springs and wells were drying up. The very warm weather began January 5, when we had freezing weather here, and two weeks later, at the time of the issue of newspapers that came by the latest mail, there had been little improvement. The Sydney Herald of January 7 says this of the preceding day:

The pavements were burning people's feet, and the horses in the busses fell in the streets sunstruck, as though shot. A lurid haze covered the city, and the sun was like a globe of blood. No such day has been experienced in Sydney for a quarter of a century. In some business places where there are large numbers of work people employed business might as well as have been suspended for all that was done. The heat was so thoroughly enervating that absolutely employes could not work. On public and private building contracts in many instances a similar condition of affairs existed, and in some of the foundries it is stated that a four hours' spell was ordered.

The temperature reached 105 degrees in the government conservatory in Sydney that day; at Penrith it was 115 and at Croki 121 degrees. The ground resembled a desert in many places, not a spear of grass remaining. Herds of stock were hemmed in and destroyed by bush fires; farmers were unable to work during the day, and when the moon rose at night the laborers took to the fields to save what was left of the blasted crops. At Perth, where the temperature reached 117, five persons died of the heat, and people by hundreds slept in the recreation reserves, the houses being so close and hot.

The warmest day was January 13. In Sydney the mercury reached 109.5. Business was at a standstill; many horses died of sunstroke; city employes washed down the business streets in an endeavor to lower the temperature; during that day the city consumed 19,500,000 gallons of water. In the interior the effects of the heat were disastrous. At Goulburn several children died; at Bourke the thermometer registered 117, and ten deaths occurred; cattle fell in the fields by hundreds and died for want of water. Many other places reported that the crops were ruined and much stock lost. In the week ending January 18th there were twenty-two deaths in and around Bourke. The heat wave was felt nearly 200 miles at sea; and much of the time a fierce wind prevailed, the highest recorded velocity in the province of New South Wales, where the heat was worst, being fifty-three miles an hour.

The progress toward the Australian winter season has brought relief; but the record made is such as to warn those who do not delight in the roasting temperature of the torrid zone to give Australia a wide berth in its summer season. The winter of this part of the world is more conducive to health and comfort.

THE renting out of "dress suits" has become quite an industry in many cities, and something in the same line is said to have been lately introduced in Salt Lake. In order that lessees of clothing may have full knowledge of the charms of the system, we quote for their information the recent experience of a New York dealer, who, having an order for the rent of half a dozen "dress suits," was paralyzed to discover that five were for pall-bearers at a funeral while the sixth was for the temporary use of the corpse.

THE ACCEPTANCE by Louis Cohn of the office of fire and police commissioner has settled all other aspirants for the time being. Mr. Cohn's past official record is promise of efficiency in the new position. By the way, it looks a little strange that there should be such a scramble after an office to which there are few emoluments attached, as in this instance. There seem to have been several axes to grind that were not held up to public view.

NEBEKER'S PROPOSITION that the bill prohibiting prize fighting be referred to the committee on live stock was appropriately followed by the suggestion that the memorial praying for the adoption of the metric system be referred to the committee on rules.

ONE MEMBER of the Utah House of Representatives stands around the corridors so picturesquely and silently that country visitors are apt to poke their umbrellas at him and ask whose statue it is.

EDISON CLAIMS to have discovered that the cathode ray hardens substances. This explains the proposition to photograph the statesman's brain.

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