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PEOPLE'S MUNICIPAL CONVENTION.

SALT LAKE CITY,

January 21st, 1878.

To the *Voters of the People's Ticket*.
A municipal convention for Salt Lake City is hereby called to be held at the City Hall, on Friday, February 1st, 1878, at 7 o'clock p.m., to nominate candidates for office to be voted for at the municipal election to be held on second Monday of February, p.m.

The convention will consist of thirty-one delegates, allotted to several municipal wards in the city as follows:

First municipal ward, consisting of 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th, bishop's wards.
Second municipal ward, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th, bishop's wards.
Third municipal ward, 11th, 12th, and 13th, bishop's wards.
Fourth municipal ward, 13th, 14th, and 15th, bishop's wards.

Total.

By order of the people's committee for Salt Lake City.

JOHN SHARP, Chairman.

THEODORE McKEAN, Secretary.

A BURLESQUE ON RELIGION.

The Nation of the 21st inst. at all evidence of the distress which it and newspapers have been laboring to cover, draws attention to an editorial in the last issue of the New York Christian Advocate, the leading Methodist organ in America, in which two and a half columns are devoted to a pathetic appeal for continuous subscriptions. A specimen of the style in which that paper and the society which it represents works upon the fears and sympathies of the religious public we make, a few quotations from the editorial addressed "To our Non-renewing Subscribers":

"We have a sort of invested right in you; you have been in our prayers every day since we met."

"It is the price of the subscription that the editor seems to have in his mind while praying for subscribers in whom he claims a sort of 'invested right' as yet unyielded of cash. Says he:

"Your mother read the *Christian Advocate* before you were born, and read it many a day as she rocked and hummed you to sleep. She has gone late home to heaven. That year's *Advocate* may guide you to safety in the same heaven. No one can afford to let these memories and quanternight for \$2.70."

From this it would appear that the young man whose mother "hummed him to sleep" to draw tones of the Christians' voices can get to the "same heaven" as his maternal parent for a cheap investment of \$2.70. How could he resist a renewal of his subscription? Little fear of getting into some other heaven than his mother's, or of going to that dangerous region of never-dying flames, which the Methodists maintain in all its bottomless extent, in spite of the Greek roots of Farrar, or the new departures of Asbury in divines, if he will only send to the *Christian Advocate* the ridiculous sum of \$2.70. He further says:

"If you allow your *Christian Advocate* to stop, and all other anti-slavery publications, course you would surely stop the publication of religious papers and literature, and abandon the field to the arch enemy. Brother, come along to strike civil society such a fatal blow for \$2.70."

There is a terrible condition of things, all to result from the absence of the *Christian Advocate* and its failure to receive that meagre \$2.70! All religious literature to be utterly stopped" and civil society to be slain, for the lack of \$2.70!

But in it is fact that all religious papers are dependent for their existence on the continuance of a *Christian Advocate*. Are we to understand that the Methodist organ at Gothic is the only religious paper extant? Was there no civil society in existence before the advent of the *Christian Advocate* and all its demises from atop, caused by the lack of anti-slaveryism, the sum of \$2.70, will still suffice to sustain it?

What a dreadful reflection for the "non-renewing subscriber" to think of his retention of \$2.70 has wiped every anti-Satanic barrier and a clear field for the arch enemy to devastate and devour all men he should send on that pot \$2.70. Just another extract:

"One little boy walks to school once a week, and saves his car fare that his mother may have a *Christian Advocate*. God is certain to honor that lad in time, and almost certain to glorify him eternally."

Is not this reducing the price of salvation to a ridiculously low figure? Certain divine honor in the "and almost" certain glory in the next, all for \$2.70? What little is of proper religious feeling? We think of riding in a street car, who by pedestrian exercise and the accumulation of \$2.70, to be expended in a *Christian Advocate*, he can secure such present honor and future glorification?

The first impression produced on these appeals is preposterous and laughable. They seem like the basest kind of burlesque. The next is one of disgust and repulsion. They sound like blasphemy and shameless impudence. No wonder that undevotional people and all rail at the professedly devout leaders of religion, when from the pit and the press they accuse the public of getting "scoffed at" and of the same "imposture" of the *Christian Advocate* editor, and with equal impudence, have traversed the United States with

column faces, and mourning over imaginary evils in Utah, supplemented by threats of consequences if pecuniary aid were not forthcoming, and brightened promises of divine favor for dollars donated, have succeeded in gathering in much cash and scattering many false representations. They are a disgrace to their cloth and bring reproach on worthy and sincere laborers in the cause of human redemption.

Something is wrong. One explanation thereof is being received that a secret understanding exists between the Porte and Russia, and that the announcement of the armistice was being delayed to allow Russia to complete her preparations necessary to carry the armistice into effect. There has been a large and swift concentration of troops south of the Balkans who, if the negotiations are being made in good faith, are not needed. The greatest secrecy seems to prevail everywhere at the front. A good deal of angry protest is being made from great reproach.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FOR WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.
SALT LAKE CITY TO SALT LAKE CITY
TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

EASTERN.

General Grant's Opinion of Major Southern Policy.

New York, 21.—The World's Washington special says: A letter has been received from General Grant, who has been with the General lately, and who reports that he entirely approves of Major's southern policy, and thinks it was both judicious and necessary, and has no doubt of its complete success.

Reduction of Mission Salaries.

The World's Washington special says: The House appropriate committee has determined to propose to cut down the salaries of the mission to Great Britain, France, Germany, and Russia, from \$17,500 each to \$15,000 of the missions to Spain, Austria, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and China, from \$12,000 to \$10,000; of the mission to Chile and Peru, from \$10,000 each to \$8,000; of the mission to Turkey, Venezuela, Hawaiian Islands, Argentine Republic, and the United States of Colombia, will be fixed at \$7,500 each. The salaries of the Consul General at London, Paris, Havanna, and Rio Janeiro, will be reduced from \$6,000 to \$5,000. The reductions will be made at a general opposition to this reduction.

Heavy Snow Storm.

A heavy snow storm has prevailed here since early morning. Communications by telegraph with the south is interrupted.

Friday with James.

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The Three Empresses' Attitude.

The Paris *Globe* declares that it has authentic information from Berlin that the three Empresses are re-established, Russia, Prussia, and Austria, having modified the peace conditions obnoxious to Austria.

The Paris *Globe* says:

The foreign office publishes a dispatch from Minister Layard, dated Constantinople January 21, stating that the Grand Vizier distinctly informed him that the Porte telegraphed to the Turkish plenipotentiaries on January 23rd, ordering them to accept the basis of peace. It has since telegraphed to the English, telling them to report the result, but nothing more, although telegraphic communication with Karsaniuk is still open as proved by the fact that one of the members of the mission has telegraphed to his family, and messages from Karsaniuk have been received in 12 hours from the time of filing.

France and Germany.

A Berlin correspondent hears, from a trustworthy source, that the French have officially declared that she stands on the same side as Germany in regard to the eastern question, although she has avoided to avoid foreign complications.

Statement of Torpedoes.

A dispatch from Woolwich reports that number of British broadsides and apparatus for discharging stationary torpedoes have been shipped to the Mediterranean fleet, and 4,000 barrels of gunpowder have been brought from the reserve magazine at Southampton to the Thames, ready for shipment.

Stocks—Silver.

Silver \$3 15-164 per ounce.
Consols 93 9-10; bonds 67 1/2, 100;
ten-tenths 109; new 5's 104; Erie 51.

Russia and the Armistice.

A St. Petersburg correspondent telegraphed, yesterday: I can state positively that the Russian government has received no intelligence of the signing of an armistice.

Petitions for Support, etc.

A special from Athens says the chamber is holding a secret sitting to decide whether the government shall accede to the petitions for support and protection received from Thessaly.

Bank of England.

Bullion in the Bank of England increased £154,000 the past week.

Gladstone and the Greeks.

It is stated that a question is to be decided in the House of Commons to-night, respecting the correspondence between Gladstone and Neoponaria. Gladstone, some time ago, was accused of inciting the Greeks to attack Turkey. He refuted the charge, and challenged Lord Derby to produce his documents. It is reported that the question, to-night, will elicit the fact that Layard, ambassador at Constantinople, furnished the charge to the Telegraph's Constantinople correspondent.

The Situation in the British Parliament.

It is reported that at a cabinet council, yesterday, the party of action gained the ascendancy, and an important ministerial statement will be made at an early state of the pending debate, which will give the chamber a clear view of the situation. The prominent republican statesmen who visited New Orleans last November, are to be present to give their views on the question. It is reported that Layard, ambassador at Constantinople, will be present to oppose the motion of censure, provided he still gives his services to the *Telegraph*. Gladstone's bill is being introduced, and it is expected to pass.

Persons inquiring for the above letters are requested to state when advertised.

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