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AN UNDIGNIFIED WEAPON.

CAMPAIGN slander, that most despicable feature of American politics, has already exhibited its hideous form.

The individual who is charged with dipping his spoon into the unsavory dish and scattering its contents, is the Rev. C. H. Pendleton, a professed dispenser of Gospel light.

His ministers had been kenneled, In holy rapture, A rousing whid at times to vend, And nail'd to scripture.

The reverend Pendleton finds it convenient at this stage of the play to shift the responsibility for the statements concerning domestic infelicity in the presidential household to the shoulders of an unscrupulous newspaper reporter.

It appears that a lady named Nicodemus approached Mrs. Cleveland, not in the night time but through the medium of a letter, inquiring as to the correctness of the damaging allegations of the reverend scandal-scraper.

However, it would be too much to expect that the moral broom had suddenly swept scandal out of the arena as a factor in politics.

The tendency of men to pass hasty judgment upon their fellows is to their discredit. People who are otherwise reserved and modest manifest no hesitancy in that particular.

We have observed that the most expert users of scandal in politics fire their heaviest volleys of filth at the critical moment when time begins to close upon the deciding point of a contest.

Among the chief features of this business is the precipitation upon an eager public of genuine or forged correspondence exhibiting real or fabricated crookedness on the part of the unfortunate person charged with being the writing party of the first or second part.

METHODISM AND PROHIBITION.

AN important addition to the "Discipline" of the Methodist Church was adopted by the conference of that denomination lately held in New York, as follows:

"We are unalterably opposed to the enactment of laws that propose, by license, taxing, or otherwise, to regulate the drink traffic, because they provide for its continuance and afford no protection against its ravages.

Commenting upon the above paragraph, the Philadelphia American, a strongly partisan Republican journal, compares it to the Pope's rescript, forbidding Irishmen to boycott their political opponents, which has occasioned so much talk about ecclesiastical interference in politics.

"This can mean nothing but that outside of the four States where the Republican party has secured the constitutional enactment of prohibition, no loyal Methodist can belong to either the Republican or the Democratic party.

Political managers and prognosticators generally concede that an increase in the membership of the Prohibition party means a decrease in the number of Republicans, as it is mainly from the latter party that the former draws its recruits.

THOUGHTS ABOUT PRAYER.

OUR readers will doubtless peruse with pleasure the correspondence of "Junius," who represented the NEWS at the National Democratic convention, at St. Louis.

In the correspondence presented today "Junius" embraces the full text of the prayer offered at the opening of the convention, and justly suggests that it is worthy the careful perusal of the Latter-day Saints in Utah.

The subject of prayer in its general aspect is one of great importance. In this age of sham, even this department of religious devotion is impregnated with unlimited buncombe.

The reverend gentleman who did the initial praying at the convention was presumed to express the desires of that august body, his language being framed with that intent.

Incongruity in prayers is exceedingly bad. There is, for instance, a transparent inconsistency in thanking the Lord for certain specified blessings enjoyed, and subsequently in the same petition asking, in what has the semblance of a spirit of mock humility, that the Great Being presumably addressed forgive the petitioners their ingratitude.

The conventional prayer requested that the power of Providence be interposed to prevent such calamities as pestilence, famine, war, sectional strife, anarchy, disorder, the reign of vice, crime and impiety.

Prayer in relation to the averting of ruinous conditions must, to prevail with the heavens, be joined to a reformation of conduct, or an elimination of the causes of anticipated disaster.

THE WOOL MARKET.

SINCE our last article upon this subject there has been no material change nor is any likely to occur until more certainty exists relative to the final fate of the tariff bill.

Producers in the west are shipping direct to eastern markets in order to realize the best prices of manufacturers, and the business done by middle men and speculators is curtailed.

The freight on wool from Utah points to Boston is about \$2.00 per cwt.; to New York about \$2.01. One cent will amply cover sacking, drayage, etc.

POSTING LEGAL NOTICES.

"JUSTICE," writing from Bloomington, Washington County, under a recent date, propounds the following:

When a precinct comprises three settlements or villages, within a distance of about half a mile to a mile from each other, it is legal for a precinct poundkeeper, in advertising estrays, to post up two notices within three hundred yards of each other, in one of the villages, and leave one of the other two villages with no notice posted up within its limits?

A wide discretion is given to poundkeepers in the matter of selecting the places in their precinct at which they will post up the notices required by law.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

Junius in One of His Happy Velms.

THE WOMAN QUESTION.

CHICAGO, June 2, 1888. In his tour around the world, Carter Harrison, ex-Mayor of Chicago, has found occasion to say many chivalric things about woman.

In this respect Carter has been surpassed by an old bachelor who has never published a word of blarney about women.

THE WOMAN QUESTION.

Mayor Roche has done nothing so far in the appointment of women to the city school board.

siveness of the whisky and beer interests of Chicago at the present time.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Alluding to a junction of Church and State, matters in Chicago tend in that direction. The other evening I dropped into a political meeting where all the speakers were Gospel ministers.

THE SALOON VS. RELIGION.

The saloon is more or less the cause of the political muddle. While the churchmen of Chicago were either asleep or making nonsensical speeches about Utah, the saloonkeepers were organizing and spreading, until finally they were in a fair way to open refreshment counters in the very churches themselves.

HE SIDED WITH ROME.

The mayor in attempting to carry water on both shoulders was a failure. The bucket on the left fell, and drowned out Mr. Onahan, city collector. In short, Mr. Onahan was called upon to resign.

CHURCH SECULARIZATION.

What is the lesson to be learned from all this? Must we come to a real junction of church and state to preserve the purity and morality of the people?

A CHURCH CANDIDATE.

In truth it is to the church we owe the mayoralty of John A. Roche. He was essentially a church candidate. The politicians promised the preacher wonderful reforms, and then after election laughed at the preachers, and dubbed them old fools.