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THE SCHOOL ELECTION.

The result of the school election proves positively that there is no foundation for the charge that there was a Mormon attempt to overpower the non-Mormons. It is well understood that the Mormons are in the majority in nearly all the five municipal wards, yet three non-Mormons were elected. Had there been any concerted effort on the part of the Mormons to draw an anti-political line, the result would have been different. The opposition to Mr. H. H. Walker in the second originated in the evident effort of his supporters to exclude a large number of voters from the opportunity and ground strongly by the malicious insinuations against the friends of the opposing candidate. Mr. Walker's vote would have been much larger, we take it, had not some of his alleged friends poured out their individual and Mormon sentiments of gall and wormwood into the campaign. But let that now pass.

If there is anything on which Mormons and non-Mormons can be united, and on which we believe they do agree, it is on the proposition, that the children of the State shall have the very best education we can afford to give them. That has been the aim of the settlers of Utah from the first, and it continues to be the aim of the people now. We believe the newly elected members of the board are capable men, worthy of the confidence placed in them by the people. We hope their trust will be as honor to themselves and to the community that has placed the interest of the schools in their hands.

A WORD TO THE LEGISLATORS.

The near approach of the legislative session makes justifiable a few suggestions which it is hoped will receive consideration, if not adoption. They are offered wholly in the interest of the people at large and the members of the assembly themselves.

To begin with, there are but few subjects requiring legislation, and these will doubtless be set out in the Governor's message. The disposition on the part of most legislators, especially young ones, is to hack at all existent things, but the custom is more honored in the breach than in the observance. The Revised Statutes as they stand are the result of careful preparation, enactment and codification on the part of experienced and able men, and while there may be a few changes in our economic system brought about by the hand of time, these are exceedingly light and correspondingly few. Indeed, if the laws as they stand shall be permitted to remain unbroken altogether it might do no harm, whereas tampering with them may result in mischief. The same remark applies to the Constitution. The people have but recently set the seal of their disapproval upon any attempt to change it from what it is, and their action may well serve as a warning for at least one more legislature. In fact, tinkering of all kinds is to be looked upon with disfavor, especially as relates to those settlers and things which are of consequence beyond the community and have undergone the test of experience.

The disposition to memorialize Congress is another thing against which it is well to guard. The last assembly amended the claims badly, the result being that not one of the petitions sent to the national headquarters received the slightest consideration. This kind of thing is not only a waste of time and effort, but it also has a tendency from from a certain feeling of mortification which might as well be avoided.

There is a United States Senator to be elected, and while there are many candidates, there seems to be such strength as that of the state governor, the idea that occasion for special dragged itself through more than four winter weeks, during which time Senator Sawyer was taken, and this too, when one of the great political parties had willingly a community of its membership. It also has now a strong support, and would as well as not settle the matter before, and without spending a moment of the people's time or a cent of their money. This is worth considering, too. The "News" is by no means in favor of the whip-and-spur style of settlers of the kind of important questions, but in this day and age of such a thing, it is not understood that the legislators are all here full a week before the calling to order takes place, and no more inducement of a session is never received with business of any kind. Why not avoid some of the heavy sacrifices of time and money, and settle the matter before hand