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NO BONDS.

Carrying out a program agreed upon some time ago in the secret conclave of the rulers of the City authorities, Mayor Bransford last Friday evening favored a number of invited guests with a financial statement, and an argument in favor of a bond issue. The meeting was not exactly a success, from any point of view. There is, as far as we have been able to learn, no enthusiasm among tax-payers for a bond haue, and it will be difficult to influence public sentiment in favor of increasing the debt.

Mayor stated that the City found itself at the beginning of the year without any funds available for current expenses or improvements, and with a debt that would swallow up not only cash balances but also uncellected taxes and water rates. He submitted a list of "necessary improvements," as prepared by the City Engineer, showing that the sum of \$500 -000 to the cent was needed just now; and there you are. The logic is very simple: The City is broke; but it must have money to spend; ergo, let us borrow some; never mind whether ve can pay it back or not! Is that easoning considered sound by honest, apable business men?

But, let us look a little closer at the ecessary improvements" as proposby the Engineer and endorsed by the Mayor. We have made inquiries ng men whose business it is to know the affairs of the City, and we find that, according to their views, the list is not what it purports to be, but a device to hide the mistakes and misdeeds of the past. That is the trouble with all the schemes that come from the present self-constituted party managers. They are crooked.

One of the "necessary improvements" is the completion of the intercepting sewer, pumping station and outlet pipe. The sum of \$83,000 is asked for that item alone. But, we are told that that improvement has already been contracted for, and that it will be done whether a bond issue is voted or not.

The second item on the list is still more peculiar. It asks for \$6,000 for the construction of "main sewer on North Bench." But this work, it seems, has already been finished at a contract price of \$4,000. And now it is classed as a necessary future improve-

The fifth item on the list calls for an aqueduct on North Temple street, from Fourth West to the Jordan River, to cost \$62,000. But, according to what we can learn, this would money thrown away. Whenever the City can afford that improvement, the aqueduct should be built from Main Street and not only from Fourth West Why should the City throw away \$62,-000 on a job that is considered useless because incomplete?

The sum of \$20,000 is asked for to improve the Jordan and Salt Lake City canal from Big Cottonwood creek to Twelfth South street. But what special improvements are needed there the Engineer does not state. Twenty thousand dollars is a large sum to spend for cleaning a ditch of weeds, Would not \$2,000 do? Or \$5,000?

The list includes the acquiring of water rights to the tune of \$50,000. But this is not an immediate need of the City. The City has all the water it can use for many years. Furthermore, there is not the slightest probability that the present gang can acquire any water rights for the City, no matter how much money there is lieve in race suicide; yet it is known to spend. All efforts so far have been futile, and there is no prospect that they will succeed now. The probability is that the \$50,000 would be spent for other purposes entirely.

So much for the list of "necessary improvements." It is a delusion and snare from the beginning to the end. If the tax-payers want a reason for voting against the proposed bond issue, that list furnishes it. For when anybody tries to induce you to enter upon a business transaction by statements you know, or find out, on inquiry, to be false, the only thing you can do is to meet all further overtures with a flat refusal to listen.

Now let us consider for a moment the statement purporting to show the use that was made of the proceeds of the last bond issue. There is one item which reads: "Big Cottonwood Conduit, \$443,655.93." How was it possible to spend that sum on the con-

The contract for which that conduit | do today; that we have come to feel was let under a same administration and relieve, even if we do not say it. was something like \$232,000, not have that our closest and firmest grip upon cluding the inler and outlet. Let us add something for these items and for have grown in America to take a profinishing touches and say that the conduit costs \$270,000. Then who has got the remaining one hundred and seventy-three thousand and odd dol- education is to solve the child problem

We claim that if the conduit had been left as it was, there would have been no need for a bond issue at this conduit had to be strengthened and lea Americans are famous." plastered. The financial statement not remove any suspicions that may exist. It shows that the conduit The laster item in 1904 was \$1.455,105,498, swallowed up \$443,655, but it does not the original \$232,000.

We may as well add that many taxpayers, who have voted the American

the City is infested with grafters. One gentleman of that class stated other day that even New York, during its famous graft regime, did not go so work without securing the benefit of ompetition, as Salt Lake has done. Another gentleman, an ex-councilman, xpressed his opinion of the queer dongs of the so-called American adminthe party officials agree that they do not know how to use it. should not be entrusted with another million dollars to squander,

CONGRESS DECIDES.

It appears that Congress has decided not to put through a number of the neasures strongly favored and recomnended by the President.

The last special message was an urgent appeal to the lawmakers to which the President has repeatedly urged upon their attention.

It seems now that there is little possibility of favorable action upon the President's recommendations, In three weeks Congress will adjourn. It is thus demonstrated that his party as ociates, though in a large majority lu the law-making body, do not look with favor upon many of his most cherished projects.

Probably the majority regards some of the President's proposals as too radical. They maintain that the country is not yet ready for them. Most people, however, regard a number of the President's favorite measures as reasonable and trustworthy, and will experience a sense of disappointment at the failure of Congress to act favorably upon them.

The leaders of Congress have notified the President that several bills which he desired enacted into laws will not pass. The most important of these

measures are the following: Restricting the power of the federal courts in the Issuance of Injunctions in labor disputes.

Amending the Sherman anti-trust law so as to establish a system of federal licenses for interstate corporations.

Exampling the regiments to form traf-

Enabling the railroads to form traffic associations so as to secure greater stability of rates and returns, Removing some of the restrictions from combinations of labor.

Prohibiting railroads from blacklist-ing union employes. Empowering the Interstate Commerce Commission to control future issues of stocks and bonds of railroad property.

Permitting the Attorney General to name one of the receivers for insol-vent railroads. Removing the duty on wood pulp.
Providing for the construction of four battleships, instead of two.
Establishing postal savings banks.

These are the measures which the eaders have agreed to put through

Making more elastic the currency Granting compensation to govern-ment employes injured while in the

government service.

Prohibiting child labor in the District of Columbia.

Authorizing the Ways and Means
Committee of the House and the Finance Committee of the Senate to give hearings preliminary to a revision the tariff.

Appropriating a sum sufficient to en-able the Inland Waterways Commission o continue the work on which it start-

THE CHILDREN.

In the United States there are 23,410,-800 children of school age. This is nearly four times the population of the Dominion of Canada, Approximately sixteen and a half millions of this vast army of future citizens are enrolled in elementary and secondary schools; over three million are in public and private kindergartens; and there yet remain more than four and a half million children of school age not enrolled in any

The larger proportion of those no in school are in the South, and yet more than one Southern state has for several years built schoolhouses so rapidly that the average is a new school building for every day in the year.

According to the statistical reports, there are 2,063,386 births in each year; and 1,546,329 of these survive. That is, there are in every twenty-four hours some 5,600 births and 1,400 infant deaths—a death for each minute.

Much of this sacrifice of infant life is unnecessary. Ignorance, carelessness, and lack of medical skill among the poorer classes are chiefly responsible for this appalling daily sacrifice; for it is chiefly the children of the

It cannot be said that Americans be that the proportion of children to the whole population has decreased since the beginning of the nineteenth century.

In 1800 the number of children was onsiderably more than a third of the whole, and in 1900 considerably under one-fourth, the actual figures being 33.33 per cent of the whole population for 1800 and 23.7 per cent for 1900. The reason for this seems to be that we have not yet solved the question of city (urban) existence. Fewer children are born in the cities, and many more die there. Can it be that as the cities grow, the race dies? Such is the opinion of Dr. Robert E. Park. He says that the Western world

looks forward; the Eastern, backward. "The Orient makes gods of its ancestors; the Occident worships its chil-

The Doctor maintains that our children are bound to suffer and to profit temerrow by the good or evil we immortality is in our children; that we found and passionate interest, not only in children, but in the child.

He further thinks that industrial of the nation which "seeks to free and direct the latent impulses, Children are not merely a personal comfort, or a private luxury; they are a great natime. We claim that the money of the | tional asset, the hope of our reformers, people was squandered, we will not the only real bulwark of that optimism say stolen, under the pretext that the for which everywhere outside of Amer-

The expenditures for conducting the sworn to by the \$29,000 auditors does | federal government in this country are less than those devoted to education. more than half of which went to the show what made the cost sour from common schools. Yet the average annual cost to each pupil for this school-

ing was only 16.8 cents. The real problem for America is not

ticket, agree with Doctor Goshen that in the Philippines, but in the United States; not in the choice of presidents and governors and the bullding of state capitols, but in the education and selection of teachers, the erection and far as to let out contracts for public equipment of schoolhouses, and the extension of the benefits of free elementary, practical and higher education. And if the politicians fall to take notice of these greater needs of the people, the latter must themselves see to istration in still stronger terms. Those It. As yet, however, the people either who have followed the proceedings of do not know their own power, or they

Festivities follow the flag.

May is the month for moving pic-

Castro hasn't been "spanked" only ig-

Young girls should not wear "Merry Widow" hats.

Mischance has done more harm to the Japanese navy than the Russians

How tame and dull California will seem after the battleship fleet leaves its

All clouds look alike to Captain Rich. mond Hobson, and they all look like

warelouds.

On the bond question the people will be bond or free according to the way

There never was a gamer man than the father of baseball whose death oc-

From the top of the Newhouse build-

ings the citizens view Salt Lake not with alarm but with pride. Hetty Green, it is said, never used a

telephone in her life. Presumably the line was busy all the time. Would it not be more fitting if "Mer-

widow's weeds in place of flowers? "United we stand, divided we fall" does not apply to the battleship fleet

ry Widow" hats were trimmed with

which has been divided at Monterey. Often as history repeats itself it isn't in it with a popular play that runs for five hundred nights in succession.

Secretary Taft's boom will not suffer from his absence in Panama, for does not absence make the heart grow fond-

When the cadets come back they will be veterans, and about a hundred years hence their widows will be drawing pensions.

Senator Jeff Davis has lifted the aurel wreath of vituperation from the brow of Senator Tillman and placed

Striving to create and maintain the largest navy in the world is not the least of the white man's burden in various countries.

Miss Rhoda Augusta Thompson, the last real daughter of the American Revolution, has just died in Woodbury, Connecticut. If she was the last 'real daughter," are the others to be regarded as spurious?

Possibilities for a vice-presidential nomination are beng presented to several prominent gentlemen, but as they do not consider themselves as out of the race for first place they have declined to accept them. It is a little presumptious on the part of any one to begin talking consolidation prizes so ear-

The English woman who tried to sell John D. Rockefeller an old Ironsides sword for five hundred dollars found that he is not an easy mark though a shining one. And how splendid and appropriate his reply that he is a man of peace and has no use for a sword!

After giving an imaginative descrip tion of a possible war between Japan and the United States, Captain Richmond Hobson hysterically cries, 'It is time patriotic Americans were onsidering the possibility of a war for our very existence." To which it may be replied as Job said of Eliphaz, "Now hath he made me weary."

A CURIOUS SOUVENIR.

Bohemian.

A short time ago, Pope Pius X gave an audience to a group of distinguished Americans. While they were conversing the reverend gentleman took from a compartment in a near-by desk a piece of paper, and, handing it to one of the party said: "By the way, allow me to present you with a little souvenir of your visit to Pius the Tenth." [The necipient upon examining his treasure, found it to be the return coupon of a railroad ticket from Venice to Rome. It was the one purchased by Cardinal Giuseppi Sarro to attend the meeting of cardinals at Rome after the death of Leo. As we all know, he has never returned to Venice. Bohemian.

OFFICE FIFTY YEARS IN ONE FAMILY.

Detroit Free Press.

A remarkable feature of the elections held this week is commented upon in Taymouth township, where D. D. Ross, a Democrat, was elected supervisor. It transpires that for upward of 50 years, or during nearly the whole of the township's existence, the office of supervisor has been in the Ross family, Ross's grandfather, one of the earliest settlers in Saghaw county, was for many years supervisor during and before Civil war days. When he became too old to continue in the duties the office descended to his son, by the same name, who likewise held it for many years. Now comes the grandson, who is the third in the direct family line to hold the office of supervisor in Taymouth. It is believed not another record in office holding such as this can be found in the State of Michigan. Detroit Free Press.

EFFICIENCY AND OLD AGE.

Speech by Chauncey M. Depew. Speech by Chauncey M. Depew.
In Shakespeare's time men were played out and senile at 50 because of their methods of living. Water was regarded as necessary only for navigation and irrigation and the pleasures of life were summed up in the ability to consume unlimted quantities of beef, beer and wine. Sanitation did not exist. People between 40 and 50 had worn out stomachs, palsied muscles and shattered nerves. The senate illustrates the preservation of vigor by the habits of today. Alabama's two great senators, one at 86 and the other at 84.

Morgan and Pettus, who died last session, were to the end famous for physical and intellectual energy. There are three senators of 80 who are heads of great committees and surpass all the youngsters in the amount and value of the work which they do. They have pessed the spectacular period. They passed the spectacular period. They do not believe that all of legislation is criticism and denunciation which by their sensationalism give the oratostanding room next to editorial matter. in the press and large audiences from the platform, but they give their un equalled experience, their maturity of years and their ripe judgment to con-structive policies, which will perma-nently promote the best interests of the peeple and the stability of the govle and the stability of the gov

JUST FOR FUN.

Quits.

Philadelphia Press. "Gracious!" exclaimed Mr. Swellman, the baby has eaten a lot of that dog

biscuit!"
"Never mind, dear," replied Mrs.
Swellman; "it just serves Fido right,
for he's taken the baby's food many a
time. Yes, Fido, naughty! naughty!"—
Philadelphia Press.

"Was he sound asleep?"
"If there was half as much sleep as sound, he was."—Houston Post,

Confidence Returning. Knicker-We have placed a loan

Bocker-Fine; maybe I can borrow an umbrella now.-New York Sun, What Our Artist Has to Put Up With,

-Visitor-I say, old chappie, tell me, what is about the average price of an Old Master?-Punch. Doctor (to attempted suicide)-You may sit up new, Suicide—I know, doctor; but I don't want to do anything to endanger my health,—Judge.

"I cannot live but a week longer wizout you!"
"Really, Duke? Now how can you fix on a specific length of time?"
"Ze landlord fix on it, miss; not I."
—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Browng-She's forever complaining, but I think she merely lacks stam-

ina—
Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, no; she's got it;
at any rate, that's what the doctor
calls her disease. She can't sleep, you
know.—Philadelphia Press. Political Candidate-Which way do

the farm hands lean around here? Farmer Ryetop—Wall, str stranger round ploughing and planting to ou will see them leaning against earn or fence every time your be your back is turned.-Chicago Daily News.

"My clerk over there at the liquor counter," said the proprietor of the large establishment, "is a believer in occult phenomena."

"So I see," replied the customer, as he noted the clerk deftly making a botte up into a package. "At this very moment, I observe he is engaged in spirit-wrapping."—Baltimore American.

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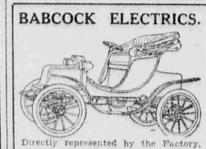
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