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THE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS.

By all means, "push the people's
rights!"

The people of this city need, more than anything else, an abundant water supply. This is a need that has been recognized for many years. It is well understood that without more water, Salt Lake City will not grow very rapidly, notwithstanding its numerous other natural advantages. The City Council must "push the people's rights," by providing for more water for culinary and industrial purposes.

The city fathers should realize their responsibility and their opportunity in this matter, and that all conservative and enterprising citizens are with them, heart and soul, in their endeavor to obtain, for the city, by a fair exchange, the property of the Utah Light and Railway company in Big Cottonwood canyon. It is the rights and interests of the people that are at stake in this matter, and that should not be permitted to be jeopardized. The company does not need to exchange. The people need the water. "Push the people's rights!"

"The crowd that for selfish purposes oppose the efforts at supplying Salt Lake City with more water, and thereby endeavor to retard its growth, are mostly composed of persons who have political axes to grind, and no interests beyond that of personal gain. Their plans and schemes are transparent. But they can be ignored. Let the city fathers fearlessly labor for the interest of the citizens, and they will be sustained by the best element, without regard to creed, or other affiliations. "Push the people's rights!"

THE FIRST DUTY.

A gentleman with decided German pronunciation, the other day called at this office and told a pitiful story of a home broken up through his wife joining a secret society. He seemed to feel deeply concerned about it, and although, as he expressed himself, he is a "gentle," he had full confidence in the "News" to deal fairly with all questions of importance to the public. When asked as to what he thought the press could do for him in the matter, he suggested that, if attention were called to the case, although he, of course, refused to give any names, the society might be induced to restore his wife to her family.

In all probability the poor fellow had wrong ideas as to the duties of the members of the lodge, in their private meetings. Ill-authenticated rumors and wild stories are not to place reliance on. If he were better informed, perhaps he would not object so strongly. But, be this as it may, we believe wisdom would prevent a wife, or a husband, from joining any organization without the consent of the life partner, since peace and love at home must be the first desiderata. We also hold that any society that initiates a wife against the wishes of a husband, or vice versa, for that matter, becomes morally responsible for the consequences. This is a principle always recognized by the Church in its own missionary work, and it should be, we think, upheld by all organizations that appeal to the public for membership and support.

We have no quarrel with any organization that exists for the social or moral advancement of its members, or for any benevolent purpose. But we fear some are inclined to over-estimate the importance of such associations, and they neglect duties in the home and the church, which are of even higher importance and more far-reaching consequences. In our busy age, few have time for all the calls made upon them in the interest of the public. Their duty, we believe, is to their home and their church first, for the simple reason that through these divine institutions more can be accomplished for the redemption and salvation of the human race, than through all human organizations and agencies put together, and the country is best served by those who are loyal to their God and their home.

HURRICANE CANAL.

The completion of the Hurricane Canal, as told in a correspondence from Harmon, Washington Co., reflects great credit upon the enterprising farmers who commenced the gigantic undertaking twelve years ago, and kept on working until the big ditch was finished. It is a piece of work that would have done credit to a financially strong company. But it was conceived of by a few farmers without heavy funds to draw upon, and it was completed through perseverance worthy of the first pioneers of Utah.

For six miles these farmers have cut a ditch eight feet wide, more than half the distance through solid rock and boulders. Ravines have been bridged with trestles and flumes, and gullies

built over with solid masonry. The ditch hangs on the side of an almost perpendicular ledge, 200 feet from the river, and is considered the most expensive irrigation system in the state for its size.

The builders of this canal, we are told, are jubilant over the success achieved. They have now added a large area to the ground that can be watered by the Virgin river, and, as they are located in a beautiful country with a healthy climate, they anticipate great benefits from their wonderful enterprise.

STUBBORN FACTS.

The following from the Provo Enquirer of April 15, is the unadorned truth:

"The Tribune knows that Senator Thomas Kearns tried to get the support of President Joseph F. Smith for the re-election to the United States Senate, and knows that when he failed he and some others, disappointed office seekers and Mormon eaters, launched the 'American' party.

"The former for revenge, because they could not obtain the 'Church influence' they now denounce, and the latter from the natural desire to have company and organized effort in ousting the Mormons. Senator Kearns and the rest of the highly moral crowd that is conducting the 'American' party cannot do like the fact to be known or remembered that Senator Kearns did plead with President Smith for political support, but the efforts made by them through the Tribune, to deny its evidence of its truth."

A PROPHET OF EVIL.

One of the most remarkable utterances regarding the conditions in the Russian empire at the present time, is that made by Carl Joubert to the English sociologist, Arnold White. Joubert is a distant relative of the famous River general, and he is at present in Russia. He is said to be a disciple of Tolstoy, but he does not believe in "passive resistance." He thinks the time has come for the friends of freedom to break her shackles, no matter who opposes, and he is firmly convinced of ultimate success. His predictions of the immediate future of Russia are remarkable for the clearness of detail and the confident tone with which they are delivered. They come with the grand force almost of prophecy, like some of the predictions of calamities that preceded the French revolution.

M. Joubert says, for instance, that with the collapse of Kuropatkin's army, Finland, Poland, the Caucasus, and the revolutionists throughout the country will rise in rebellion. Thousands of officers in the line regiments, he claims, have received the money of the executive committee of the revolutionists, and although "we know that a man who will receive one thousand rubles from us is likely to be tempted by two thousand rubles from the other side, we are not afraid of that, for Russia is hopelessly insolvent. Nothing can avert the public bankruptcy of Russia but the seizure of the church funds." He particularly emphasizes that Russia is bankrupt, and that nothing now can save her from revolution. The revolutionists, he says, are collecting funds and enlisting sympathizers among the soldiers. There will, we are told, no longer be talk of a limited monarchy, but of a United States of Russia, devoted to the peaceful development of her immense wealth for the benefit of her own people and other nations, especially Great Britain and America.

The Romanoffs, M. Joubert says, must go. He has warned the czar that a catastrophe is coming, but apparently to no purpose. And then, to illustrate the extent of the prevalent corruption, he asserts that the Russians themselves are the cause of the disasters to the army and navy. He claims that they have sold information to the enemy, and that stores intended for Manchuria have been sold in Germany for the benefit of the revolutionary committee. He gives the following instances:

"A certain ordinance officer sold to the Revolutionary party seventy-five thousand rubles worth of the czar's powder for fifteen thousand rubles in cash. Near Ufa, twelve thousand of the latest pattern service rifles were bought for four thousand rubles, half in notes and half in gold. In Moscow, two hundred thousand rubles worth of blankets were sold for forty thousand rubles; these blankets were intended for Manchuria, but that was not their destination. In Moscow a week after war, surgical instruments, medicines, medicated cotton, which cost eighty-five thousand rubles were bought for fourteen thousand rubles."

Concerning the procurator of the holy synod, who is considered responsible for the policy of the czar, M. Joubert says:

"Bokhotovskoff is an old man, but he will hang on a certain ornamental lamp structure erected at Moscow for the purpose, he is alive when the czar dies. This lamp stretches from arched to the cardinal points of the compass. The pillar is wrought with decorative designs. A certain rich man, at present of it to the city in memory of his wife. But the curious part of the story is that the rich man never had a wife, and the public prosecutor, when he presented the lamp post to his native city, intended it to figure in the pages of history that are about to open. That lamp post is in the same category as the stake at Smithfield, the block in the Tower of London, the tumbrel of the French revolution, and other gruesome implements of despatch."

Russia is in the throes of a serious revolution. The peasants are rising, too. Large bands go from estate to estate and take possession. According to recent reports, landowner from Vitsebsk received a telegram announcing the seizure of his landed property by the peasantry, and left hurriedly for his estate. A widow from Smolensk received a visit of peasants, who took over her land peacefully, and promised to leave her house untouched. From Sevsk, in Orsk, comes intelligence that a whole army of peasants are appropriating all the land belonging to private proprietors, saying, "Fear nothing, we won't harm you." Then they carry away the owner into the city. The entire district is panic-stricken. Between eleven and twelve every night noblemen and merchants are assaulted by agrarian bands, and in one district seventeen estates have already been thus plundered, and in many cases forests have been destroyed. From the Baltic provinces similar news are reported. The riots are described as impersonal, originating in the belief that the land belongs to the

peasantry. Three sugar factories at Kleft, one of which belongs to the grand duke Michael Alexandrovitch, have been burned to ashes. Numbers of panic-stricken Russian landowners are hurriedly leaving with their families for western Europe, not only from the provinces, but even from St. Petersburg.

If the czar were wise, he would join the ranks of the people and control the raging torrents by leading them into safe channels. By following the opposite course and interposing obstacles, the flood will only be delayed a moment, but then break through and rush onward with all the greater force, causing destruction and havoc on all sides.

The President is having a Rocky time in Colorado.

Even the coolies will find it hot on the Isthmus.

In this Belasco-Klaw-Erlanger legal wrangle no Porcia has appeared.

General Jacob S. Coxey has been declared bankrupt. Such is good reason fame.

If a vaccine culture will prevent smallpox why don't poultry culture prevent chicken pox?

The hour glass figure is the correct thing this season. Its sands of life should run out in just about an hour.

Coolie labor is to be employed on the Panama canal. Uncle Sam's labor laws and their application seem to be a sort of movable feast.

Captain John S. Wise has written a book called "The Lion's Skin." It is a Wise child of the brain that knows its own father.

An 8-inch gun on the battleship Iowa has had its muzzle blown off, while she was at target practice. The Iowa idea seems to be to shoot off its mouth.

The government census of the Philippines shows that ninety per cent of the people are civilized. That is about the same per cent that is civilized in this and other countries.

The czar says that the present is an inopportune time to call a general council to consider ecclesiastical reforms. In Russia it seems an inopportune time for everything except revolution.

It is to be feared that there is but too much truth in the complaint of the Mexican ambassador to Secretary Hay, that the lives of Mexicans on the American side of the boundary, are held in small esteem. The men of the border, at least the rougher class of them, held a Mexican or Greaser in little more esteem than the frontiersmen formerly held an Indian. His life was not considered much more valuable than that of a dog.

Rear Admiral Melville, in a paper recently read before the Academy of Political and Social Science at Philadelphia, said: "The restoration of our merchant marine, I have no hesitation in asserting that it would subvert military, commercial and national interests to stop building battleships and devote all or a portion of the money thus saved to placing on the ocean a merchant marine that would help us to secure a greater trade of the world and which, in case of war, would prove a military auxiliary only one less removed in importance from the battleship itself." This looks like a protest in the navy against the theory of you-can't-have-to-big-a-navy.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico to the San Francisco Chronicle says that the government of the state of Sonora has issued orders for the separation from their mothers of all Yaqui children over two years and under eleven years of age. The women are to be deported with the men to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec and Yucatan and the children are to be kept in Sonora and to be distributed among Mexican families in various parts of the state. The plan, if carried out, should relieve Sonora of a most troublesome burden. A similar plan was adopted in the case of the Apaches, though not to anything like the same radical extent, when the old murdered Geronimo was sent east. His transportation killed the Apache uprising.

TO THEIR DOOM.

New York World.

So far in this war Togo has shown little inclination to risk the Japanese navy in a single pitched battle. There is no reason to assume that he will change his program to suit Russia. Japan's supremacy on the sea must be preserved as a protection to her armies. Russia can keep on fighting and retreating when her last warship is sunk—if the financiers consent. The destruction of this second Pacific fleet is made the easier by the way Tolstoyevsky is playing into the enemy's hands. Soap or lute, united or divided, there can be no peace. The Russian ships are sailing to their doom.

HEARTFELT LONGINGS.

Washington Post.

"Men's hearts are filled with a longing for something better and finer," says Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis. With Easter displays on every hand, we suspect the women's hearts are filled the same way, doctor.

FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE.

Kansas City Journal.

Within recent years people have learned more of the efficacy of fresh air than was ever known before. Time was, and not so long ago either, when sick rooms were shut up so tight that they were in effect hermetically sealed and the unfortunate patient's recovery was retarded and sometimes made impossible because of the lack of fresh air to breathe vitiated atmosphere over and over again. The gospel of fresh air and sunshine now has adherents everywhere. The seeking of the outdoors has become a mania and tent life and sleeping on open porches are often prescribed for pulmonary affections.

ONLY A YARN.

New York Mail.

We do not believe the charge of the American correspondent of the Journal de St. Petersburg that dishonesty is endemic in American society "implicating men, women and children," but the dispassionate observer will be entertained rather than irritated by the picture the correspondent draws of the habits suddenly going out at a White House reception and the men holding their pocketbooks and the ladies hiding their jewels for fear they would be robbed. This is not strictly true, but it may be as true as many of the things reported out of Russia, from Kennan's time down, which have been solemnly digested by the outside world.

CANADA FOR US.

New York Sun.

The committee which is to sit during the vacation of Congress to consider tariff matters can best use its time in devising plans for the large extension of our commerce, import as well as export with our northern neighbor. Whatever we can do for Canada's enrichment by letting down our tariff, by freely opening our doors to her products, will bring abundant returns in the shape of orders for our goods. Politically Canada belongs to herself. Commercially she should be part and parcel of the United States as fully as Texas is.

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