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**AN EXPLANATION.**

Nearly everybody has heard the story of the attorney who advised his son to resort to abuse as a last desperate attempt.

"When the law is against you," he said, "come out strong on the facts, and argue that the law is unjust; but the facts are against you, insist that the law must be upheld though the heavens fall."

"But when the law and the facts are both against me," asked the neophyte, "what shall I do then?"

"Abuse the plaintiff or his attorney," replied the veteran.

That tells the story of the local anti-"Mormon" organ. It tries industriously to conceal the weakness of its cause in a mass of falsehood, calumny and vituperation.

We do not care to notice all the falsehoods the Salt Lake Tribune manufactures. Very few people whose opinion is worth anything, place reliance in any statement that appears in that paper, except when corroborated from other sources. And we know whereof we speak. Some people are afraid of the Tribune, as they would be of any slinger to whom neither life nor property is sacred. But very few believe in its accusations, and many hold it in utter contempt. It is not necessary, therefore, to notice all its vicious assaults. Some day the almost superstitious fear it has inspired in timid souls will vanish, and the community will turn against it. Then it will have to change heart, or perish.

One of the mendacious allegations of the Tribune which it hopes to impress upon its dupes by strength of frequent repetition is this, that the "News" has stigmatized "the American administration as a gang of corrupt scoundrels, a plunderband that individually and collectively had earned the distrust, contempt and deep-seated aversion of every decent citizen."

That is a verbatim quotation from the Tribune of Thursday morning. But there is not a word of truth in it. We challenge anyone to show anything that has appeared in the "News" by which the quotation can be even approximately justified. The Tribune lies, wilfully, and unscrupulously, we fear. There is no other name for it.

The position of the Deseret News was fully explained during the bond campaign. We had no fault to find with Mayor Bransford, nor with some councilmen, but we did maintain that they should not be entrusted with \$600,000 to spend, as long as the majority of the council obey the orders of an irresponsible ring, working for the furtherance of partisan purposes. And this the council majority on several occasions proved to be the case. We did maintain that a council that has no higher conception of its duties than to be a party machine, should not be trusted with the disbursement of money belonging to all the people. We maintain now that public servants, no matter by what party machinery they may be elected, should cease to be partisans when they assume public office. From that time on their duties become wider than party interests. As public servants, maintained by all the people, they cannot, logically, have any other duty than looking after the public welfare. In this respect the numerical majority of the present council have made a miserable failure. They have turned the Mayor down, at the bidding, presumably, of party leaders, who are under no oath and have given no bonds and who have absolutely no right to dictate to the council. Our grievance is not against the so-called American administration, but against the usurpers of power, the dictators, who interfere with the administration in the interest of their party.

Those dictators conceived the idea of forming a party for the un-American, uncivilized, barbarous, and dangerous purpose of making war upon a church. They have carried on their warfare with all the means a demon could suggest. And they propose to continue that warfare, no matter what business interests may suffer from the absence of unity and peace in the community. The policy of those dictators has been, and is, a curse to the City. We believe now that it was a mistake to borrow money as long as that policy prevailed, and we believe that, finally, the citizens generally will be forced to admit that the "News" was right. Wait and see.

**TWO ABLE CANDIDATES.**

The conduct and utterances of Messrs. Taft and Bryan since their nomination must impress their fellow-citizens with the greatness of the intellect and the breadth of the statesmanship of both these standard bearers of their respective parties.

Hampered by a platform which seemed to him inadequate, Mr. Taft has proceeded to rise superior to it, as it were, and to supplement it in such ways as more perfectly suited his own views of public policy. He performed this difficult task, moreover, with such consummate skill as to win the admiration of the severest critics, and probably to enlist the support of many who might otherwise have been alienated from him.

Mr. Bryan, on the other hand, standing squarely upon a platform which he fully endorses, has, we believe, strengthened the attachment of many of the people to the principles it enun-

ciates, by his frank analysis of its contents.

Altogether, the skill and manliness of these two candidates for the highest office within the gift of the American people, must inspire a patriotic admiration for these typical Americans in the feelings of all their fellow citizens.

American statesmanship is undoubtedly keeping pace with the demands of the times. Foreign nations will revise their views as to the lack of depth and sincerity on the part of our public officials when the highest office so uniformly tends to seek men of such caliber and honor as these evidently are. It is also true that circumstances and events plainly require the best men our country has, in order to shape the course of its progress at the present time. Both the great political parties are to be congratulated upon the remarkable showing made by their respective presidential nominees.

**RAILROAD SERVICE.**

To the railroads of Utah, without a single exception, we commend the matter of their local train service, especially as it applies to excursions out of Salt Lake to neighboring towns.

"Peach day" will soon be celebrated at Brigham City. Many Salt Lake-ers are saying "I would like to go, but I went last year and it was 4 o'clock in the morning when I got home, and I'm afraid to try it again." The comment applies with equal force to some other celebrations within the past two years. Within the week a returning party's train held so many "at homes" in sidings that the people who went to a nearby village, trusting to a published schedule, were thoroughly disgusted on arriving home near morning.

The growing importance of inter-community visiting in Utah and the "get acquainted" propaganda that is being carried out demand that enthusiasm for such visits be not crushed in the thought that to go out means not to return at a reasonable hour. In giving serious attention to the matter of their local excursion trains local railroad officials will perform a beneficial act to the entire community.

**HOLLAND AND VENEZUELA.**

We have already stated that Holland does not appear to have a good case against Venezuela, and this opinion is confirmed by the story of the dismissal of the Dutch representative in that country.

De Reus, so the story goes, had been asked by somebody concerning the prospects of investment and settlement in Venezuela. The Minister, it is claimed, replied that the outlook was very discouraging and that the Dutch had better not send either money or men to Venezuela. In the course of his extraordinary letter De Reus said:

"The system of government (since 1858) of the present almost dictatorial ruler, president, which is economically for the creating and afterward always for the annullment of monopolies through all kinds of subtleties has very nearly ruined the country. The revival of commercial trade is almost impossible as long as the present government rules the country, for it cannot be expected that the present president after the nine years during which he has reigned almost as dictator, will change his system of governing and his domestic and foreign policy."

This letter, it is claimed, was printed and scattered throughout Holland, and the result was that De Reus was given his passports. If this is the true story of the case, Holland has no grievance against Venezuela. It is Venezuela that has a grievance, and Holland might with good grace apologize for the indiscretion of its minister.

**WHO IS MR. HIGSEN?**

Inquiry has been made as to the presidential nominee of the Independence party, Thomas L. Higsen, of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Until a year ago he was a Democrat in national politics. The chief element in his political career was his opposition to the Standard Oil company. Largely because of his successful operations in competition with that great company, which had tried in vain either to purchase his business or to close it, he was nominated by the Democratic party for state auditor two years ago, and ran far ahead of the ticket. Last year he was offered the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, but declined it on the ground that Mr. Whitney, the head of the ticket was a Standard Oil candidate. Then Mr. Higsen was nominated for governor by the Independence league, receiving the votes of so large a number of the people that he finished next to the Republican nominee.

Four Higsen brothers, in 1865, began the manufacture and sale of axle grease. After a long struggle the farmers of New England recognized the merits of this product, and a lively business resulted. But the Standard Oil company, which makes axle grease as a by-product, now offered the Higsen \$500,000 for their business. The offer was refused, and the oil company notified stockholders that if they sold the Four Brothers' axle grease, kerosene oil would be withheld from them. Thereupon the Higsen brothers entered the oil business in competition with this great company. Thus far, they have been successful, and have made large inroads into the profits of their powerful opponent. But success would not have been possible without public sympathy as an important factor in this great commercial battle.

For instance, only two years ago the Higsen publicly announced that they could not supply oil at eight cents per gallon in New England. The Standard company had just offered it at that price. Mr. Higsen assured the public that if they continued to buy from him the oil would remain permanently at a fair price; whereas, if they bought from the Standard Oil at eight cents, the price would be raised several cents per gallon as soon as the Four Brothers' company was forced to the wall. With oil several cents cheaper in the competitive zone than it could be bought in New York or Boston, most of the merchants decided to purchase of the independent company.

Thus the Higsen brothers have remained in business. They recently

furnished important documentary evidence to the Washington authorities for use in the Standard Oil prosecution in the form of affidavits from Pittsburgh dealers that they had been offered all free of charge provided they would cease to patronize the independent company.

Standard Oil receipts showing conclusively that certain dealers received rebates were also forwarded. These receipts were used to advantage in causing dissatisfaction among dealers who did not receive concessions. Mr. Higsen exhibits one way bill showing a shipment of forty barrels of gasoline from Albany, N. Y., to Green Island at the significant rate of "free." He intends to have the way bill reproduced and spread broadcast for campaign purposes.

Two years ago in the House he framed a bill which provided that a corporation selling a commodity throughout the State must charge the same price in every city and town except in so far as a difference in price was necessary to equalize freight or express charges. The effect of the measure would have been to compel the Standard Oil company to reduce its price in the non-competitive towns or to advance it in the competitive territory. The bill passed the House, but failed in the Senate.

It is supposed, from Mr. Higsen's previous political affiliations, that the major part of his votes will come from the Democratic party; but inasmuch as his campaign is largely corroborative of the stand taken by Mr. Taft, it is likely that he will win votes from the Republicans as well.

An actor who saws the air is not an aviator.

In labor unions there is political strength.

Bad as is a tin soldier, a parlor soldier is worse.

Accidents will happen in the best regulated airships.

These airships seem to be more dignified than dirigibles.

It takes a flinty countenance to wound a marble heart.

Betting is a fool's argument chiefly so far as the loser is concerned.

There is a great difference between canned peaches and canned speeches.

The new Turkish constitution doubtless is for ostentation and not for use.

Both the Canadian Pacific and its striking employees have great endurance.

"Men are made to do things," says a magazine writer. Especially by their wives.

A man realizes that he is an old man long before he realizes that he is an old fool.

If the Baldwin balloon proves to be as good as the Baldwin apple, it will be a pipkin.

If you are for peace and prosperity the organ of the Pseudo-American party is again you.

"No friends like the old friends" is the reason people are so anxious to make new ones.

Nothing seems to discourage Aeronaut Wright. His motto is, "Be sure you are Wright, then go ahead."

Mr. Harriman picks up a railroad with more ease and grace than most men pick up a five-cent piece.

What campaign managers want is not a new way to pay old debts but a new way to raise campaign funds.

Good roads are not made for the exclusive use of automobiles, and the rights of the road should be observed.

"Shall the people rule?" asks Mr. Bryan. Of course they will, but through what party it is too early to say.

Collecting campaign funds through the individual states may prove as great a failure as trying to collect federal revenue through the same agency under the Articles of Federation did.

**CANCER SERUM.**

Los Angeles Examiner.

If it is true, as reported from St. Louis, that a serum has been discovered by a New York physician that will cure cancer, then the world will owe to him immeasurable gratitude. Dr. Cleveland H. Schutt, one of the physicians at the City Hospital, St. Louis, announces that two patients treated by him with the serum have been discharged as cured. They were received at the hospital some weeks ago suffering from cancerous growths in advanced stages. Monday last they were discharged, every symptom of the cancer having disappeared. Doctorologists have long been searching for the cancer germ and an anti-toxin for its destruction. Perhaps, with the exception of researches in the disease of consumption, no other form of illness has been given the attention of scientists that cancer has. And it has baffled them all.

**BATTLE FLEET'S TEACHINGS.**

Washington Star.

Geographically this voyage round the world will teach an important lesson. It will demonstrate in a concrete manner the fact that the United States lies between two great seas in the path of commerce, in the commanding position between Europe and Asia. A nation that must send its ships thousands of miles around a great continent to go from one door to another and then sail around the world in order to return to the starting point is proving itself a power of the first magnitude and is commanding by its achievement the most respectful consideration of all peoples.

**SHIPBUILDING IN ENGLAND.**

Engineer.

From the returns compiled by Lloyd's Register of Shipping it appears that, excluding warships, there were 386 vessels of 799,175 tons gross under construction in the United Kingdom at the close of the quarter ended June 30, 1908. The tonnage now under construction is 48,000 tons less than that which was in hand at the end of last quarter and 451,000 tons less than that being built 12 months ago. The lowest total recorded in the society's returns since 1896. There were also under construction at royal dockyards 12 warships of 112,320 tons displacement, and

at private yards 37 of 56,672 tons for the British government and 17 of 51,080 tons for foreign governments, making a total of 34 warships of 137,732 tons.

**JUST FOR FUN.**

**Our Neighbors' Faults.**

"That woman next door is really dreadful," John said to a young married woman to her husband. "She does nothing but talk the whole day long. She cannot get any work done, I'm sure."

"Oh," remarked her husband, "I thought she was a chatterbox. And to whom does she talk?"

"Why, my dear, to me, of course," was the reply. "She talks to me over the fence," Philadelphia Ledger.

**No Chance to Play Hooky.**

As he was the only man with young children in a district of Lane county, Ore., John Larkin formed a school committee, of which he was elected chairman and his wife clerk. Mrs. Larkin was installed as teacher by the chairman, and the five little Larkins now go to school to their own mother, who is remunerated by the state—Portland Oregonian.

**Toot! Toot!**

A woman on the train entering Grand Rapids, Mich., asked the conductor how long the cars stopped at the Union station.

He replied: "Madam, we stop just four minutes, from two to two, to two and a half."

The woman turned to her companion and said: "I wonder if he thinks he's the whistle on the engine."—Outdoor Life.

**By the Sea.**

Briggs—Was the hotel crowded with young girls?

Gibbs—Yes! But not half so much as I was.—Life.

**Quite Different.**

The American had discovered a fine collie dog, and he at once tried to induce its owner, an old shepherd, to sell it. "Wad ye be takin him to America?" inquired the old Scot.

"Yes, I guess so," said the Yankee.

"I thoct as muckle," said the shepherd. "I couldna pairt wi' Jock."

But while they sat and chatted an English tourist came up and to him the shepherd sold the collie for much less than the American had offered.

"You told me you wouldn't sell him," said the Yankee, when the purchaser had departed.

"Na," replied the Scot. "I said I couldna pairt wi' him. Jock'll be back in a day or so, but he couldna swim the Atlantic!"—Argonaut.

**A Counter Attraction.**

Mrs. Bonham—What do you do when the city has distinguished visitors?

Bonham—If they are men, give them the freedom of the city, and if women, freedom of the dry goods stores.—Puck.

**Salesman.**—What kind of a brush would you like? Boy—"Have you got any with soft backs?"—Life.

**Landlady.**—My other tenants complained of the noise last night. You assured me that you retired early.

New tenant—So I do, so I do—early in the morning.—Judge.

**RECENT PUBLICATIONS.**

There are ten short stories in the August Century, the Midsummer Holiday number. "To build a Fire," a vivid dramatic story of the Yukon wilds, by Jack London. "The Blind," one of Charles D. Stewart's original tales. "A Tale of Two Bureaus," a merry account of a guide and a millionaire, by Irving Bacheller. "Mulligan's Parrot," a delicious story of an Irish section boss and a devoted dog, by Frederick Brown. "The Chaining," a narrative of certain curious happenings at court, by Florence Martin. "Crude," a story of a chapter of the "Lone Star" devotion of "Thomas Jefferson," by Annis Steger Winston. "How Carly Carter Proposed," a jolly story of American horses and American horsesmen, by England, by David Gray, author of the well-known "Gallopers." "Mrs. Slick's Bonnet," a pretty tale of life in an English village. "The Last Curtain," the story of the gallant raising of an old comedian, by Walter Prichard Eaton. "The Tent-Maker," a strong story of love and revenge, with a desert setting, by Waldo Guyton. "A delightful literary feature of the issue is 'A Group of Aldrich Letters'—letters to such interesting personalities as Taylor, Lowell, Fields, Stoddard, Steadman, Howells, Clemens, Woodberry—edited and with comment by Ferris Greenslet. Then there is a new 'Travels with a Donkey' sketch of wanderings in Normandy, when W. W. W. was Tramps. Ly Francis Wilson's daughter, with plenty of pen and ink drawings by her husband, Charles Huard, evidently one of the 'Tramps.' Robert Hichens' 'The Spell of Egypt' and two delightful pages in color by Jules Guerin, deal with the Ramesseum and Deir-el-Bahari. 'The Reminiscences of Lady Randolph Churchill' takes us to Japan. The color frontispiece of the number is a reproduction of Elizabeth Howell Ingham's drawing, 'The New Novel in the Forties.'—New York.

The current number of National Magazine has an interesting story of the Denver convention. Joe Chapple gives an incisive and interesting series of glimpses of a great national event. To handle the stories of the conflicting political parties and be absolutely fair to all sides, may seem difficult but the National appears to have the breadth and scope that does not permit of partisanship. The Home Department, as usual, has a large number of practical and useful hints to the housewife. The essays on 'My Lord Hamlet' are worthy of the thoughtful consideration of every student and lover of Shakespeare. Continued chapters of that charming serial, 'The King of the Ropes,' appear in the issue. Every one of the stories have that snap and go about them that is so entertaining and belong peculiarly to these glimpses of national life, and the fiction of the National has long been recognized as of a high standard. Among the many popular-priced magazines, the National is distinctive and valuable to its personal, descriptive and national field, and it makes a refreshing bit of company on the plaza on a hot summer day, when the editor just 'comes a-visitin'.'—Chapman Publishing Co., Boston.

The August number of the Atlantic Monthly, the first issue to appear under the imprint of the Atlantic Monthly company, is full of fresh and inviting material. Charles D. Stewart, the well known author of 'The Fugitive Blacksmith,' writes 'The Story of Bully,' a stirring and full-blooded tribute to one of man's most useful servants, the ox. The summer season is appropriately recognized by a paper on 'Newport: The City of Luxury' by Jonathan P. Lincoln. It is a far cry from Newport to 'the blacklers,' but Rollin Lynde Hartt describes our national game in one of his wise and witty papers. The more definite literary features of the number are a paper by Charles Moore Thorne on 'Honest Literary Criticism,' 'The Ibsen Harvest,' by Archibald Henderson, and a review by Professor W. M. Sloane of the recently published 'Life of George Bancroft, the Historian.' Three short stories of unusual quality add to the freshness and interest of the number. A touch of foreign travel interest is added by the annual letter from France by Standard Denny, and a brilliant descriptive article by Mory A. Chamberlain on 'Life in an Indian Compound.' Lucy S. Conant contributes a striking essay on 'Voices,' which, with the verse and an unusually sprightly contributors' club, completes an issue of exceptionally varied attractiveness.—Park street, Boston.

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