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WELCOME THE NEW OFFICIALS.

The "News" takes pleasure in extending to the State and other officials who have just taken charge of their respective offices, the congratulations of its constituents. We hope their administration may be, in every respect, successful. Governor Spry, in his address, gave the keynote of success, when he said: "Many things will be necessary to do, for if we would have this State become all we would like to see it, we have only to go ahead developing its splendid resources." That is emphatically true, and "develop the resources," might well be made the motto of every public servant during the new administration. Each one can do something in this direction. It was through the devotion of the early pioneers to the development of the resources that Utah became a great State, and it is through the adherence to the same policy that the State will attain the proportions to which it is entitled.

One of the important points made in the inaugural address was contained in the concluding sentences, in which the Governor urged the cessation of strife and the getting together of all the people. The speaker said:

"It is about time that the conditions that have prevailed here during the last few years should cease. It is about time that the people were getting closer together; the class distinctions, the difference of party and of creed and of opinion generally should be laid aside and that the people should get together, shoulder to shoulder, for the advancement of the interests of this state. So that whenever any undertaking is sprung upon the people we may all feel that we are interested in that undertaking, because of the fact that it applies to Utah. And for the benefit of the people of Utah let us see to it that the word that goes out from Utah shall be of such a character as shall place Utah where she is, where she belongs, that the day may dawn upon us when Utah shall come into her own and be known for what she is, worthy to become what it is designed she should be."

These are words of truth and sound judgment. It is time for all loyal citizens to come together and bid the strife-breeders cease their un-American agitation. Their motives are no longer a secret. Their true character has appeared through the plans they have laid. It is time for the good, true citizens to abandon the tents of the Korahs, Dathan, and Abiram, and to stand together for Utah. There are problems that call for immediate attention—problems that affect the moral and spiritual welfare of all the people. Good citizens of all churches and parties should join in their solution. They need not fight one another. They can unite in the battle against the immorality that fills the streets. They can, united, become a strong force for good. We believe this is about to happen. The fight carried on by fanatical office-seekers must cease, because there is more important work before the citizens of Utah than to help unworthy men to obtain the goal of their ambition.

The outgoing officers have done well and deserve the gratitude of the citizens. Governor Cutler, if we are permitted to mention a name in this connection, has, in the opinion of men of all parties, been one of the best governors the State ever had. He has devoted all his time and energy to the duties of his office, and few men today are better informed than he is concerning the various State institutions. He has represented Utah abroad with distinguished honor, and he has always been awake to her interests. He leaves the office without the shadow of a stain following him. And, as far as we know, this can be said of the other officials whose terms expired with the Old year.

Under existing conditions it may be difficult for public men to remember that, in the capacity of public men, they belong to no party and owe allegiance to no party, but to the entire people. But this is the plain truth. Party leaders and organs generally live in the delusion that they have the right and the duty to usurp the sovereignty of the people and "boss" public officials in the interest of a party, though they are paid out of the public and not party funds. That this is a mistake should be self-evident. It is one of the errors against which Washington warned his countrymen in his Farewell address. Party machinery is good, and necessary, for the election of men whose political views are in harmony with the views of the majority; but when the election is over and the legitimate purposes for which parties exist are secured, the successful candidates should feel that they are the servants of the entire people, and not merely of one party. Only in so far as American officials take this broad view of their position are they in full harmony with the spirit of the American form of government.

A STATE HIGHWAY.

Whatever failure the Good Roads enthusiasts of Utah made in securing recognition from the legislature which convenes on Monday next, they will pay for in at least a wait of two years. One fact of road building is that any effort on a large scale to get a

main state highway must be undertaken by the State. Another is that the legislature, like all similar bodies, yields to the pressure of public opinion, for which reason those bringing to bear the greatest pressure usually get the fastest plums of consideration.

Before this legislature will come officials of two great schools, superintendents of many state institutions, people interested in securing a State capital building, advocates of state aid for reservoirs and many others seeking appropriations. The Good Roads people will need to voice their claims emphatically to get a full hearing, and this fact alone, it would seem, should pack the Salt Lake theater on the occasion of the Good Roads mass meeting on January 14. Former Governor Cutler has sent out invitations to each city and town inviting delegates to come. Governor Spry will meet these delegates and will preside over their convention. A large outpouring of delegates will mean large consideration for their proposals. A measure mass meeting can postpone action for two years. A grave responsibility therefore rests with those who have the appointing of delegates and those delegates who may be selected to attend.

IN PALESTINE.

The Balkan situation is bound to have some influence upon the alignment of the European powers. Italy has already made her desire to approach France manifest, especially in the Algeiras conference, and the high-handed policy of Austria in the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, is sure to still more alienate the Italians from their allies in the triple alliance. Should the Balkan trouble ultimately result in the disruption of that alliance and the rapprochement of the Latin nations under the leadership of France, it would be of more importance than is now generally realized.

But, whatever may be its influence upon European politics, it is very probable that the revolution in Turkey has paved the way for the establishment in Palestine of the Hebrew nation. The new constitution of Turkey contains a provision according to which the Jews, as soon as they are a majority in Palestine, can obtain local self-government. And, since there is no longer any restriction upon colonization, the Hebrew population is likely to grow very fast. We understand there are now over thirty Jewish colonies.

The Zionists have a bank with headquarters in London and branches in Jerusalem, Jaffa, Constantinople and Beyrout. The capital is employed in fostering agricultural and industrial enterprises in Palestine. They also have a national fund which at present has grown to the size of half a million dollars, which is used for the purchase of land for the benefit of Jewish settlers.

All of the colonists are said to be self-supporting and flourishing. They raise everything that can be raised in Southern California. The soil is the same and the climatic conditions the same. Industrial enterprises are being launched and projects are in the making for the damming of the Jordan river and conserving its tremendous power for driving the wheels of industry. Irrigation plans are being prepared and pumps are being imported by the Jewish farmers of the plain of Sharon to bring to the surface the limitless supply of water which is obtainable at a minimum depth of eighteen feet and a maximum depth of eighty feet. The first section of the Heral grove, which ultimately will contain 100,000 olive trees, is being planted. This grove will be a perpetual memorial of the founder of the movement, who died four years ago. Ten thousand trees, the first section of the grove, were subscribed for at the rate of \$1.50 each by thousands of Zionists throughout the world. The grove, when completed, will give employment to 7,000 heads of families and will realize a profit of \$50,000 annually, which will be used for educational purposes.

It appears that while the controversy is going on as to whether Zionism is practical or not, the movement itself is actually growing at a wonderful speed. Palestine is being settled. The way is being prepared for the autonomy of the settlers, and no man can stay the preparations that are going on.

A great many statesmen are said to be in favor of Herzl's Zionism. Among these is Joseph Chamberlain. It is said that he firmly believes that the only permanent solution of the chronic trouble caused by the "sick man of the East" will be found in the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine to serve as a buffer-state between Mohammedanism and Christianity, to preserve the balance of peace between Europe and Asia, just as Switzerland serves to preserve the balance of peace

for Central Europe. With this end in view he pledged himself to Herzl to endeavor, at the proper time, to obtain treaties from the powers of Europe to afford the Jewish state the same measure of protection against foreign invasion as is enjoyed by the Swiss republic.

When this becomes more general, statesmen will work for Zionism in the councils of the nations. And that time is not, perhaps far away. "Kings shall be thy nursing fathers."

Have you your ticket to the "pic counter?"

A fisherman's net income is usually his gross income.

Money never talked better than in saying to Italy, "I am coming."

To profit by your friends try to make no profit out of them.

Divorce is the undoing of what should never have been done.

It is easier to "work" some men than to make some men work.

A man feels much worse over losing five dollars than over making ten.

Castro has been operated upon, not for megacephalous but for appendicitis.

So John D. Rockefeller has turned to writing plays. "The play's the thing."

Governor Spry. That sounds all right. A successful and prosperous administration to you!

Take no thought for the morrow, especially when some crank says that it is the last day.

How fortunate that suits for damages are not brought for breach of political promises.

The breaking-in of a new servant girl always involves the breaking of an awful lot of dishes.

"When does the Ananias club expire?" is a question that is frequently asked. When all the liars are dead.

One of Uncle Sam's New Year's resolutions was to conserve natural resources. May he keep his resolution.

"Now don't deliver that coal at night," said a man as he ordered a ton of coal the other day. Wise man that!

Mr. Hearst says that the Independence party is too far ahead of the times. Owing to the fact that it is headed the wrong way.

The lower house of Congress is getting to be a regular house of mirth. It laughed over the President's special message on the secret service.

Champ Clark says that the average price of a woman's hat is five dollars. When it comes to talking about the price of women's hats Champ is a clump.

There can't be very many people who are being seriously thought of for cabinet positions, probably not over two or three times the number of positions.

The sending of the supply ships Celtic and Culgoa of the American battleship fleet to Messina is another striking proof of the truth of the saying that "peace hath victories no less renowned than war."

The supreme court of the United States refuses to review the action of the court of appeals in the \$29,240,000 fine case of the Standard Oil company. If that company had been born with a silver spoon in its mouth it could not have been luckier than it is.

Mrs. Louise Coulson's lecture in the Salvation Army hall on Wednesday evening, on "Temptation and Sin," should draw full house. Mrs. Coulson is known somewhat to the public through her short essays on various topics, and poems, that have appeared in the "News" and other papers. She always has something to say that is worth while listening to.

STATES WITHOUT DEBTS.

Wall Street Journal.
Pennsylvania enjoys the distinction of being out of debt. Although not standing alone in this respect among the states, it is worthy of mention in an era when public indebtedness in national and municipal lines is piling up at a rate which creates a sense of misgiving in the minds of many conservative people. There are ten or more states whose records show an absence of bonded debt. These include Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon and

West Virginia. The last named state has, however, outstanding against it undetermined claims of some millions of dollars in connection with the Virginia debt. There are fifteen other states which, according to the latest available figures, have a bonded debt of less than a million dollars. Two main reasons for conservatism in debt creation by states and for their success in meeting obligations are found, first, in the necessity of resorting to direct taxation for a large part of their revenue, and secondly, in the fruitfulness of revenue from the tax on corporations. Pennsylvania has been something of a pioneer in this latter method of state taxation, and most other states have followed her lead. New Jersey's bondless position is pre-eminently the result of the liberal income from taxes on corporations. As this source of revenue for the state treasury increases, the tendency is to give to county and other local units of taxation the field for direct imposts. The corporation has thus come to be the greatest contributor to the income of states and has enabled the local municipal units to retain their own revenues to an extent which was not possible before the rise of the corporation.

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