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BONES SO GOOD.

Now that the actual municipal and State officers recently elected have assumed the duties of their positions, and all is supposed to be in fact working order, which indicates the running character of the machinery until the time shall come for another change, it may not be unfair to point to some things that need correction lest they result in an unpleasant condition of affairs.

One of these is the intense partisanship which is being exhibited by certain officials, notably in matters directly affecting Salt Lake City, and possibly to some extent in other directions elsewhere. The partisanship to which we refer is not so much the love drawn between political parties as that which is in the interest of "the gang" in the exclusion of political associates whose views of honor and integrity may be more strict than those of some other political manipulators and wire-pullers. At the same time the intense bias which has been shown toward those of an opposite political party is far from commendable or conducive of good, because of its manifest injustice. We do not forget that the officials referred to were elected on party lines, and therefore are under certain party obligations; but we also remember that by their election they became public officials whose duty it is to represent fairly all classes of citizens at the command of the latter, independent of party, creed or color. There is a time when party lines cease to be drawn tightly and when the interests of the mass of citizens become paramount. We do not hesitate in saying that in some of the quarters referred to there is a marked tendency to ignore these interests for the advancement of personal or party ends, which, if persisted in, will lead to unpleasant consequences. It will be infinitely better for those who now hold office to realize matters themselves on a basis of equity than while an opportunity is offered to advance to a point where the people will be compelled to rise and administer a strong rebuke.

The other partisanship to which there is still stronger objection is that which tends to the promotion of class distinctions. The writers of the community do not require that a particular clique or "gang" should dominate, to the exclusion of all outside of their set from important positions; evidences of "good will" do not consist in unlimited generosity on one side and intolerable tightness on the other. There is an "elastic fitness" in things which demands that all classes receive just representation; and if there is a refusal to recognize this rule, sooner or later the people will insist on its enforcement. Events of the past few days have given indications of political passion, that bodes no good to the city's welfare. The scheme of "the gang" to dominate and control everything in their own particular interest, regardless of the wishes or interests of the public generally, is almost as bold as the usurpation will be unscrupulous, if successful. There are good officials who are in a position to block the way and promote the public good, but not by their official action at least through an appeal to the public which will not do so well. Let this excessive bias be checked, and such distinctions as are necessary be brought within the limits of honesty and no wrong; otherwise the situation will be untenable.

THE RENDITION.

In connection with the discussion of events of the past five or six years, culminating in falsehood, we respond to a request to reprint the manifesto issued by President Woodrow Wilson, on October 21, 1895, and subsequently accepted by the General Church Conference in October 6 of the same year. The document is as follows:

OFFICIAL DECLARATION.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to declare that the living Lord sent His political party from Salt Lake City, and that He has sent them back again, and in effect that the Utah Constitution is overruled in regard to the secretary of the interior, whose State portal marriages are not valid, and that the only remedy of such marriages have been declared void in Utah since the time of our Lord's ascension. Furthermore, the leaders of the Church have taught

encouraged and urged the continuance of the practice of polygamy.

I, therefore, as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, do hereby, in the name of the members, declare that these charges are false. We are not teaching polygamy, or plural marriage, or any other form of marriage.

We are not teaching any other number of plural marriages having done this purpose before, and in other temples or to others.

This case has been reported, in which the parties alleged and the marriage was performed in the Endowment House, in Salt Lake City, and the parties were not known to me, but I have been informed who performed the ceremony, whether the man in this case was without any knowledge of the law of the church, or whether he was a member of the church.

Testimony has been given respecting this case, and the parties involved have been interviewed.

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