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SETTLE IT AT ONCE!

It appears that work is suspended on the grading of East South Temple street, and that another change is contemplated, which is likely to be very costly. The people of this city are not likely to forget the squabble that took place some time ago in relation to this matter, and will be much disturbed if another wrangle occurs continuing the unsatisfactory condition of the roadway.

The cutting down of the street as ordered by the Board of Public Works, entailed a heavy expense not only upon the city, but upon the Utah Light and Railway Company. The cut made in the street to establish the grade determined upon, proves to be very unsightly as well as inconvenient, and it is now proposed that a portion of the street that has been lowered to a depth of about thirteen feet, will have to be raised again.

It is to be hoped that the Board of Public Works will not plunge the city nor the railway company into further financial trouble, through this contemplated reversal of its own arrangements. The people feel that it is about time that the street mentioned should be put into a permanent condition for traffic, and so as to be slightly if not beautiful.

It appears to the ordinary sense of common folks that the running of street and sidewalk grades has been conducted with very little regard to good sense, to say nothing of the public convenience. Straight lines seem to have been the only objects in view. The natural conformation of localities has been ignored and the damage done to property has been out of the question. People who have been unwilling to enter into a contest with the city authorities have been injured materially in their property rights, while others having the means and the disposition to contest the matter, have gained their point, and the city has had to meet the costs of restoring that which was improperly taken away.

Of course, after all, the precious public have to pay the expense, and it will be so in this instance, if the change said to be in contemplation on East South Temple street is effected. We are of the opinion that after putting the railway company to the enormous expense entailed upon it by the change of grade established by the board of public works, the city will be liable and have to reimburse the company for such additional outlay as the proposed alteration would require. Anyhow, let this matter be settled for good and without further delay.

A GRAND MAY OPENING.

The San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad Company has come to a final determination as to the opening of the line for through passenger traffic. It is fixed for May 1st, 1905. This will be good news to the citizens of Salt Lake, and to those of Los Angeles and the people residing near the road between the two cities named. The traveling public journeying from the East to the Pacific Coast, and vice versa, will also hail with delight the opening of this line, which will shorten the time of transportation and open new scenes and opportunities which will be for the general benefit.

The Deseret News congratulates the company as well as the public on the consummation of this grand enterprise. When projected, it met with expressions of incredulity from many sources. There had been several schemes on paper looking to the same great end, but they went very little further than that, and so the idea which has now developed into a glorious reality was looked upon with suspicion if not disdain. The Deseret News, however, believed in and favored the plans of Senator W. A. Clark and his associates from the start, and encouraged them all along the line, in opposition to the "hot air" expressions of its contemporaries, and now experiences much pleasure in making the announcement concerning the opening of the road for general passenger and freight traffic.

That this line will prove a boon to the people dwelling in the towns and villages and ranches adjacent to it, and will cause an influx of population and the development of the resources of those regions, need not be now repeated. These will be the natural consequences of the completion of the road. The two far-famed cities of the Saints and of the Angels are joined by bands of steel, their interests will be mutual

and their fraternity a glad sight to behold. Prosperity will grow out of this union, and it will be largely due to the far-seeing, broad-minded and capable men who have been in the vanguard of the enterprise. Salt Lake greets Los Angeles with a shout of rejoicing, and mutual visits will be in season with the opening of the flowers of May.

"WHAT AILS UTAH?"

We have received a large number of communications in answer to the question, "What Ails Utah?" They all touch on charges that are too vile to treat of directly; we therefore withhold them from publication. There is no need to notice the yelping of every hydrophobic flea that drops venom as it barks, and our friends should appreciate the position we have taken in ignoring attacks that cannot be paid attention to without a loss of self-respect. However, as other papers refer to conditions that are of importance to the State, which grow out of the noise that is made and the misrepresentations that are bruited abroad, we occasionally clip some of their remarks, and herewith take the following from an editorial on "What Ails Utah," in the Iron County Record of April 7:

"We have an unfortunate situation here in Utah. In control of two or three of the large newspapers is a man who is so selfish—who is so blinded to the public interests of the state on account of personal animosities and political disappointments—that he prefers to ruin everything within his reach, rather than to see the honors denied him enjoyed by another. In the furtherance of his schemes of reckless ruin, he has found a pliant tool in the person of another disappointed office seeker, and between the two they manage to keep up a perpetual furor that is anything but re-assuring. They have a following among the rabble and their shouts and opinions add to the general din and disquietude.

"The people of Utah have stood for this kind of thing for a long time. They have borne patiently the abuse and misrepresentations heaped upon them by this element, but there is an end to endurance, and Utah is beginning to get tired. We do not relish seeing surrounding states developed and assisted by capital that is denied us. We are tired of the perpetual jangle—we want peace. Unless there is a change, and the disquieting element ceases to retard our progress, the citizens are likely to rise up in their majesty and put them out. Utah has many good progressive citizens who will not always tolerate the rule or ruin tactics of the schemers and colleagues who are systematically employed, in misrepresenting and tearing down Utah."

ONE OF THE MARKS.

"The preacher of righteousness always becomes the object of the fiery darts of the adversary. This is natural. The officer, who valiantly leads his followers into the thick of the battle, must expect to become the target of every marksman in the ranks of the enemy. Never in the history of the world has there been greater need of men with a divine message, such as Moses, or John the Baptist. But those who have such a message must be prepared to encounter enmity. This is part of the proof of their divine mission. If it were lacking, it would be much more difficult to prove the authenticity of their message, because they would be so entirely different, in this respect, from every messenger who has preceded them. But the friends are multiplying, in proportion to the intensity of the hatred, and the missiles of malice will do as little harm as a cloud of arrows shot at the sun.

SEISMIC DISTURBANCES.

It is evident that the earth is again suffering from internal convulsions, which may cause disastrous outbreaks. The reports from the districts in northern India shaken by recent earthquakes, continue to convey alarming news. According to one report eighty per cent of the inhabitants of Dharmasala were killed. The government has dispatched from Lahore tents, food, blankets, doctors, nurses, etc. for the sufferers at Dharmasala. It is also reported that the viceregal lodge at Simla was damaged, as well as the public offices. The earthquake was severely felt at Kasulubi. A second shock at Simla Tuesday evening caused such a panic that the residents rushed from their houses and slept all night in the open air. Other reports are to the effect that several places have been totally destroyed, and that many lives are lost.

Reports also come of disturbances in this hemisphere. Earthquake shocks have been felt in the islands of St. Christopher, Dominica and Antigua, and at Pointe-a-Pitre, Guadeloupe. An official investigation of the volcano, La Soufriere, revealed a rather alarming activity of that volcano. The investigators met with water green and boiling on the north side of the lake, steam rising from all over the lake for the first time since the great eruption of 1902. A sudden disturbance which changed the color of the water to a dirty red frightened the investigators away. Their report has increased the alarm.

The seismic disturbances occurring in so widely different parts of the globe are a reminder to all mankind of the instability of all things. Even worlds are, after all, fragile creations, subject to the immense forces of nature which again are controlled by the Living Intelligence, to whose wisdom and power all things owe their existence and preservation.

The traveler who crosses the ocean in one of the magnificent boats of our age, is often reminded of the fragile nature of even the best handiwork of man, when the vessel trembles and is tossed about as an insignificant chip, by the waves. But he is, nevertheless, confident in the skill of the navigator, and feels safe. Worlds, too, are but vessels sailing in the immense space, as appointed. They, too, are speeding onward in the midst of perils, most of which are not even faintly suspected by mortal man. But under the divine wisdom and power, all is safe, until the end, which will come in the time appointed. It used to be the argument of human short-sightedness, that everything remains as it was from the beginning; that the universe was fixed and indestructible. Science now knows better. It has understood better the "signs," and knows that changes are ever occurring, and that

even worlds must have an end. It is necessary to be reminded of that fact, lest we forget that unless we aim higher than earthly and worldly ideals, the efforts of our lives will soon be lost.

FOR THE REVIVAL OF CHINA.

Sir Robert Hart, the gentleman acting as director-general of the customs service of China, explains to the government of that country how it can be practically regenerated, and placed on a footing of equality with other great countries. According to his figures, the annual income of the government from taxes and customs receipts could be raised from \$9,000,000, to 400,000,000 taels. And he proposes the following expenditures, in American money: For the army, \$35,500,000; navy, \$21,300,000; arsenals, \$7,100,000; administration of the civil service, \$113,600,000; schools, \$7,100,000; post and telegraph, \$4,200,000, and imperial court, \$7,100,000, leaving an annual estimated sum of \$88,040,000 at the further disposal of the government. The naval program, we are told, aims at a fleet of 20 battle ships, 20 armored cruisers and 120 torpedo boats, all to be built within 10 years; the army is to consist of \$200,000 men and 1,540 officers. This would rapidly bring China to the front as a military power, for a well drilled army of 200,000 men equipped with modern arms and commanded by up-to-date generals would be a sufficiently large nucleus for an immense army, and the Chinese are admirable fighters when properly led, as General Gordon amply proved.

MINISTERS AND MILLIONAIRES.

New York Evening Mail. "Ministers say queer things," says Mr. H. H. Rogers. He might have added that the successful, the masterful minister, like the successful doctor, says very much the things he pleases, while the minister who is afraid of his job, like the struggling doctor who is chasing patients with the sugared pills of flattery, is extremely careful not to offend with any utterance. All this timid divine's caustic is applied to the head men in the next parish, or in another denomination. The pillars of his own church and of his humble personal fortunes are kept constantly rubbed bright and smooth with the oil of adulation. He does not wait by any means until his wealthy parishioner is dying to administer extreme unction.

LOOKS THAT WAY.

Pittsburg Post. "Shall we chloroform the old folks of the next generation?" asked the sage of Plumville. "If cigarettes an' tight laces keep their present hold on the respective sexes," retorted the Public philosopher, "there ain't goin' to be no old folks in the next generation."

TWO DOCTRINES.

Sir William Collins some time ago lectured before the Health Society, London, on the man vs. the microbe. He emphasized the great truth that cleanliness is the best possible protection against disease germs. The subject is one of the greatest importance. He said, in part:

"People have lived together for 6,000 years without learning to make their habitations clean, but at last they are beginning to learn the lesson, and when they have mastered it they will have conquered epidemics.

"There are two doctrines today. One teaches that the tics and blood should be made insensible to the attacks of the vast army of germs by inoculation; the other teaches that the body can be fortified against such attacks by the common rules of hygiene. Healthy blood is the most powerful germicide extant. Pure air, pure water, personal cleanliness, model dwellings, sanitation—these are the things which dispose of disease.

"The stamping-out" process—namely, the isolation of cases of disease and the pulling down of slums—has been proved far more satisfactory than the inoculation of new diseases to kill old ones."

Why doesn't Alexander cut the Hyde knot and be done with it? Enemies of the new mayor of Chicago call him a Dunne-derhead.

Remember, it is the April showers that bring the May flowers.

The Chicago police are keeping a tight rein on those teamsters who have gone on strike.

A New York Journal wants to know why so many men marry silly women. Because the men are silly.

Of course Baptists can accept Rockefeller money without qualms of conscience. They use it to put oil on the troubled waters.

Governor Hoch should issue a proclamation appointing a special thanksgiving. Carrie Nation is going to leave Kansas and take up her residence in Oklahoma.

Chicago strikers have complained to Major Dunne of the brutality of the police. They made no complaint of brutality to non-union men.

"The drunkard's path leads to the grave," profoundly remarks Dr. Parkhurst. As for that matter the path of glory lead but to the grave.

While the great hunt goes on, Secretary Loeb just hangs round waiting for something to turn up. But "they also serve who only stand and wait."

Last year Great Britain's revenues exceeded her expenditures by some millions of pounds. Secretary Shaw should ask Chancellor of the Exchequer Austen Chamberlain how it was done.

"Carnegie as a Civilizer," is the title of an editorial in an exchange. It should have been, "Carnegie as a fertilizer," for just see how he has made libraries grow all over the country.

The Russian admiralty doesn't know where Rojestvensky's fleet is. Why don't they apply to Togo for information? He always has the latest and most reliable news of the whereabouts of the Russian fleets.

The Boston town council has officially declared the brown-tail moth a public nuisance. It was a private nuisance years before the town council took official notice of it. But then councils are so slow and cautious.

That 455,000 infants died in the United States last year from food-poisoning is the statement of the secretary of the Indiana state board of health. Of course the statement is unverified. But it will serve some Hoosier writer as the basis of a great historical novel.

The United States Supreme Court has just decided that when the United States grants the privilege of citizenship to an Indian, giving him the benefit of and requiring him to be subject to the laws, both civil and criminal of the state, it places him outside the reach of police regulations on the part of Congress. And those who sell beer and liquor to such Indians cannot be prosecuted under the federal law. The red man probably will not be slow to take advantage of the benefits of civilization as he sees them, and make Rome howl.

LEST WE FORGET. London Statist. We, of all people, are the least likely to crowd over Russia because she has met with reverses in the field. A very

few years ago we suffered humiliating reverses in South Africa. Fortunately, in our case our adversaries had not a large population to draw upon, and that population did not possess the wonderful military virtues of the Japanese. In the end, therefore, we were able to compel them to lay down arms. But we do not forget in the least that we suffered humiliations because we were unprepared, and because, in our national vanity, we thought it unnecessary to make serious preparation. Therefore, instead of crowing over the Russians or considering that they have suffered in prestige, we humbly sympathize with them, provided they show the manly courage to admit that they have been defeated, and that they now intend to devote themselves to the recuperation of their country.

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