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GREETING!

A little more than seven years ago my connection with the "Deseret News" was severed. It had continued uninterrupted up to that time for more than fifteen years. I then had moved to my new home and the readers of the "News" with much regret. They had all become like my familiar acquaintances and I had learned to love my labors in their behalf. But change of employment and surroundings soon removed any desire left in me for newspaper work, and I came to the point of self-contempt that I was no longer fit to the journalistic wheel with its daily round of toil and trouble. Now, having been called to resume my position on this paper, I respond with alacrity and a determination to perform as best I can the duty imposed upon me. I do so, however, with some trepidation because of the progress that has been made in journalism and the high expectations that have been expressed by hosts of friends. With their faith, skill and confidence, however, I hope to succeed, and with the help of faithful, talented and diligent assistants, to maintain the reputation of the Deseret News as the champion of truth and liberty, the defender of human rights and the organ of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It will be our aim to conduct it in such a manner that the general public will welcome it in their homes, and the members of the Church will regard it as a reliable exponent of those principles which we all regard as divine. As circumstances render it possible, improvements will be made which will increase the attractions and usefulness of this paper. It will not at any time be partisan in politics. While entirely independent in this particular, however, it will not be dead. The public look for the news on all public matters. The "Deseret News" will endeavor to be fair, accurate and unbiased on all subjects on which it treats. If errors occur they will not be made wilfully, and when they are, however, they will be corrected as soon as discovered. The well-known capabilities of H. G. Whitney in newspaper, financial and commercial spheres insure a forcible exponent that will prove satisfactory to all commercial and give promise of prosperity to the entire "News" establishment. With the intention to devote my full energies to the service of the "Deseret News" and the benefit of the readers and writing them a happy new year, I am, as ever, there, servant for the truth's sake. C. W. PETERSON.

PROSPERITY AT HAND.

Businessmen who are gifted with talents or business ability aided by experience, with courage not governed by timorousness or the fear of failure, are the ones who succeed in the business of general profits in 1899.

Some of these men are in the United States, while others, the bishops, they have ever trusted in commercial profits, and a few are even so far as to declare that America will go beyond any other country in the world of ancient or modern times in her fortunes.

The separation of the Islands and their name under the supervision of the country through the borders and ports, has made us to be more progressive. Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, our present possessions for a long time past, have shown no signs to anything else but that before now separated out of the ordinary class.

The importance of this "expansion" to our business affairs cannot be overestimated. It is beginning to excite the jealousy of the great commercial nations. It causes the continents that are being made about the political expansion of the United States and causes a feeling of fear to sweep into the heart of the world.

It really looks as though the undivided and lone-ruined prosperity was about to glorify the ends of the power of the arm of hard times was about to be destroyed. The expansion of trade is legitimate and will bring vast benefits to this country, whatever may be said about the term "expansion," which seems to be the name of the big politicians. It is welcome to every American citizen. It brings progress to our great nation and new life to the shores and veins of the body politic. Hold to the prosperity of 1899 and may all classes of the people and sections of the country partake of its benefits and rejoice in other Providence is sending us in the year of grace 1899.

CITIZENSHIP ADV. SUFFRAGE.

Many good journals in discussing a question, that occurs to Utah authorities of persons who were disfranchised on the ground that they are foreign citizens of the United States. This引起 a real lack of information and humiliates ignorant of law.

Utah Congress determined to "refer the Mormon problem" by advancing Utah into the Union as a State, and enabling Act was so worded that future personal disabilities should be removed. It provided:

"That all male citizens over the age of twenty-one years, who have resided in this State for one year, and are hereby authorized to vote for and choose members to form a constituent assembly to be convened in said Territory."

Alice Blair:

"Please promulgate the qualifications which are to be the qualifications for voting, and the election of the Legislature of the Territory, or by Congress, are hereby repealed."

The Constitutional Convention was formed, by direction given to the preceding question. Persons who were, previously, under the disabilities created by the Disfranchising Act, participated in its work and were admitted to the Legislature of the Constitutional Convention. Those disabilities hitherto referred to the preceding Act. The State Constitution, among other things, provides that the Legislature is to regulate the elective franchise.

Every citizen of the United States, of twenty-one years and upward, who shall have been a citizen for thirty days, and shall have resided in the State or Territory, or in the service of the United States, or in the service of any other state, and having no disability, shall be entitled to vote at such elections."

The eligibility of all citizens, male and female, having the prescribed residence, to vote at elections in the State of Utah was thus established beyond question. The qualifications to hold office were not similar, except in some cases, and that which requires a degree of education and one residence suitable to the particular office designated.

The State Constitution was found to be in full compliance with the provisions of the Enabling Act, and was therefore certified to be proclamation of the President of the United States, and as Utah stands as an equal footing with all other states of the Union, and possesses full power to prescribe the qualifications for voting and officeholding within her borders.

The qualifications for a Senator or Representatives in Congress, with the exception of age, are those of doctors and other officers in the respective years.

The scope of our friends of the press extends over the word "citizen." They imagine that if a man does not possess the elective franchise he is not a citizen. They confound the two right-of-citizenship and suffrage.

Every person born in the United States or who has become naturalized under the laws is a citizen thereof. Every child, male or female, is a citizen. The suffrage is another thing entirely. It is conferred by law and the previous consent of it may be different from state to state. Women are subject to disabilities with most, if not all, the states of the Union. But they do not hold the suffrage anywhere except in a few states, one of which is Utah.

A man is a citizen here or naturalized in the United States, whether he possesses the qualifications of a voter or not. Taking from him the suffrage does not deprive him of citizenship. Restoring it will not make him any more a citizen than he was before that restoration.

H. these simple facts are understood, easily, none of our contemporaries in Utah and elsewhere will say themselves from time to time, in commending our native Utah citizens, and all should understand that the disability under consideration is not a disability by act of Congress in the 1890's when we were given the Enabling Act was passed, and no longer have any existence, pasturing or otherwise.

CUBA LIBRE.

As told in the dispatches the transfer to the Cuban states by the Spanish authorities of sovereignty over Cuba was made with due formalities at Havana on January 1st, in accordance with the terms of power agreed upon at Paris. This is the latest episode of the long drawn-out period of Cuban independence.

It marks the final stage of the United States' hold a field where her influence might have gone elsewhere elsewhere among the nations of the world, had a policy been followed different from that now record. Let this country think by the exertions of Spain.

According to the solemn declarations of Congress before the war, Cuba is to be free. However, must we make the capital of Cuba, free. The article which follows, and the appearance of the Spanish flag over the Cuban government hall, is forgotten in the annals of the affairs of their island. The Cuban should be made to understand that the people of the United States are their friends, and that the majority now transferred to us is to be used for them, until order and a stable government shall have been established.

Undoubtedly this will lead to a closer union between this country and the rest of the Americas. But if ever any attempt is to be successful, it must be to the advantage of the Cuban people, and the Cuban government, and not to forget the interests of the citizens of their island. The Cuban should be made to understand that the people of the United States are their friends, and that the majority now transferred to us is to be used for them, until order and a stable government shall have been established.

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Under the Spanish law, a convention would be held three years awaiting trial. The introduction of the American system into Cuba is one of the most startling

decided and far liberty can be best exercised under the American and American institutions.

THE NEW YEAR'S PAPERS.

Our morning contemporaries enjoyed their readers on Sunday last by the quality and quantity of their New Year's edition. They both contained valuable information concerning the intermediate region, and illustrations that rank with the best in that class of art. The classification and arrangement of the articles in the Tribune are admirable, and the arrangement of Utah biography and affairs in the Herald is to be commended to the memory of the author as well as the arrangement of the news items.

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dicted the advent of greater prosperity. He said that the tributes in the East will come to be starting but most of his neighbors, the "Star" and the Tribune, are not in evidence.

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The Tribune paper is planning for the exhibition of Count Tolstoy from Russia. "Arie Scott" is the title con-

sidered upon him by one of the officials.

The count should come to America. Another presentation would take his name back with national honor.

CRIMINAL TENDENCIES.

Citizen, like abominable scoundrels, there seem to appear in greater numbers. That this is due to the indifference of the human species, or to some other cause. Another explanation is given in the New York Tribune, which has recently found its way to the editor of the Herald.

The Tribune, in its article, says: "The author of the article, which has recently appeared in the New York Tribune, says that the generally prevailing opinion of the social superiority of woman is not well founded. She points out that statistics are misleading. He counted in his article an estimate of the criminal tendencies in the two sexes, for the reason that women are less vigorously prosecuted, judgments against them are more difficult to obtain, and punishments are always less severe than in the case of men. He also says that the rate of juvenile delinquency of communities is the same in the two sexes, and that women rarely attack persons to settle either than to defend themselves. Her intentions to crime is different, being more afraid of emotional, rather than of an economic, social or political nature. Then she claims that woman is in shorter danger than that of men, owing to several causes connected.

The subject is one that will demand attention in proportion to the prominence given to the various problems before the public. The views of Miss Tolstoy may be considered as mere reverberations of her article, as one of much interest and entitled to respectful consideration.

Experience helps the best of men to becoming better.

This is reasonable weather for those who have full cold time to remember colors less fortunately situated.

Austria still has Premier Baudiss. His visit this morning was a foretaste of

the fate of Mrs. Kent of Illinois shows the danger of a bidding bid when a new neighbor.

Now, we are compelled to look more seriously at our house as a house "badly treated." A visit of thanks to the editor is in order.

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