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THE "DEAD SQUARE."

Our savagely Liberal contemporary closes an article on a local question thus: "The best way to do anything, whether buying a bill of groceries or obtaining statehood, is on the dead square." These words were never spoken or written, but the application is or should be much wider. It is not enough that we balance merely the fields of business and politics in which to give honorable purpose and correct dealing full play, for they should enter into every transaction of mankind. The victory that is won, the ground that is gained, through trickery or deception or even ambiguous terms is apt to prove but the glaring and fleeting glow of chemical fire which surrounds a deed of heroism on the stage only to offend and nauseate the senses when the curtain has fallen. No man ever practiced deception upon his fellows that did not have to confess it to be disadvantage one way or another if he lived long enough; we do not believe that in any such case he did not realize at the time that he was bidding for an unsubstantial triumph at the price of ultimate loss, or that his own inward monitor which never sleeps and never looks in silence upon wrong doing failed him then or thereafter.

There is enough vitiating practice and preached in one of our general political campaigns to equal in criminal purport the slaughter of an army of men. No falsehood is too vile, no slander too base, no misrepresentation too great to be employed as weapons by those engaged in the work, whether they be in the cabinet of their party or in the open field. To be placed in possession of some false step, unsavory transaction or unfortunate circumstance of one prominent on the silver side is capital race and lamentable; it may be that the wrongdoing, so far as it might be, was allowed for and the evil itself repented of and turned from forever, but that figures not. The average political campaigner recognizes no law of limitations except, perhaps, in the case of himself or his friends. More than this: If any of the people or intimate associates of one conspicuous in the field or who is bidding strongly for preferment ever fell by the way or "came fairly off" in any transaction, this is made the most of to the aspirant's disadvantage in the absence of something direct and personal accepting himself. And all this in "politics"—the strategic means by which honesty has been made a fool and knavery a hero oftener than leaves have fallen from any tree in the world.

It is the same, sometimes, in dealing with communities and separate organizations of people. To have been wrong, albeit unknowingly and honestly so, once or oftener let's to in circumscription and distrust forever after. No good that they may have performed, no restitution achieved voluntarily not merely themselves but the world has been benefited, no private virtue or public worth or meritorious quality or overable accomplishment that may be theirs, can efface even for a day the preferred fact that it was not so always—there is no progress in doing the globe which stood in sale and makes the majestic pass through the vaults of space as inconceivable speed, but it heartens not with it, they are inert, no changeable. There is nothing on "the dead square" in such treatment, because it deprives a case from any portion of the evidence in the matter and most standard and consistent portion.

As to the statehood matter, Ben Harrison's ghost is still not down. Where those who are morally concerned would be patient, tranquil and restful, helping upon their mouth as they may possess and such work as they only perform to bring their recognition to use it be another by petty jealousies and mischievous anti-Mormon feelings, the subject is clouded up by others, and those who are not at all anxious or apprehensive are compromised into a renewal of a discussion that a majority of them are heartily tired of. And this is hardly a "square deal" either. It is not that such people (last spoken of) are indifferent to the great boon of local sovereignty, that they are callous regarding the momentous issues of the day, that they are not informed up to the standard, that they would not vote strongly for statehood if the question were presented to them; it is that they realize how unpleasant a thing it is to be constantly represented as counteracting and correcting, of pulling and pushing and unlocking, of filling up their waking and their sleeping hours, of entreating and pounding prominent men consistent and conflicting things, all having in view statehood for Utah—when, as a matter of fact, all such importations are wholly gratuitous, annoying and not fitted to any existing circumstances.

So far as the NEWS is concerned—and we are sure it voices the sentiments of the great majority of the people—if there are any underhanded schemes going on; any trickery, or deception, or corruption, or doubledealing by means of which any man or body of men is to be compromised or misled or led or influenced into giving their support to statehood for this Territory, we hope such schemes or schemes will ignominiously fail—more than this, that the actors in both sides may be detected, exposed and held up to the execration they deserve. With all its faults and failings in the past, with its shortcomings duly accounted for and misfortunes fully considered, Utah occupies a dignified and honorable station in the presence of the whole earth. It has gained the eminence it occupies through the patient plodding, the tireless energy, the well-directed intelligence and the honorable purpose of its people. It is in all respects entitled to sovereignty and they know it; but to gain it they would not, were the alternative eternal exclusion from the sisterhood, knowingly connive in one base, disreputable, corrupt transaction, and they do not desire that those who assume to speak for them shall make or permit it even for a moment to appear otherwise than as herein set out.

UTAH WOMEN ABROAD.

The Denver News of the 15th has an article on the delegates to the Women's congress from Utah that contains some quite interesting statements in a gossipy manner, some that are quite true, some that are misleading with correctness, and some that are not true. In the first named class we place the following and similar paragraphs:

"And do you know," continued the, "that the Mormon women represent some of the finest women clubs and women organizations that are to be found in America? And this is all the more surprising, when you remember that the great Salt Lake valley was settled almost within our recollection."

In the second department spoken of we find a fair representation in the following:

All the Mormon delegates are fine looking women. It is said that Utah will rival Kentucky in its pretty women, if you give them twenty-five years in which to enjoy the advantages that have only recently been extended to them. They are becoming ill intelligent. And intelligence makes county.

The following, except as to rare instances—rare here than elsewhere—is not true:

They (young Mormon girls) were as ignorant as Turkish women in a harem or Japanese girls waiting for a husband. But they had to work from morning until night, scrubbing, sweeping, baking and sewing, often spending days since simple tasks which women at other places accomplish by such labor saving machines as carpet-sweepers, sewing machines, cook stoves and wringers.

The cuts accompanying the article and which are presented as "portraits" are of like character with items are good, others neither good nor bad and the remainder decidedly the latter. As the matter is departmental and occurs in the midst of factors and follies it is not expected to do any good and there is no reason why it should accomplish much if anything else. We must be talked about, and surely will not complain when no more of misrepresentation occurs than in our namesake's attire, though as shown it is not at all free from it.

PULLED, NOT LAW.

Treasury statistics show that for the thirteen months ending with May, the government issued treasury notes to the amount of about fifty million dollars to the purchase of silver bullion; and during that time nearly forty-eight million dollars of such notes were redeemed in gold. This furnishes the politics with the argument that nearly the whole of the silver bought is really paid for in gold, and hence that the repeal of the silver purchase act is a necessity. It is strange that they refuse to note the important fact that the treasury notes redeemed are only paid in gold because the treasury department, with the unmentionable tenacious, chooses to have it so, and in no place either consecutively or indirectly into the hands of the creditors of the white metal. These notes are redeemable in silver as much as in gold, and in common fairness ought to be so redeemed thus saving the treasury vaults and serving the end for purposes where it is the exclusive medium of exchange. The inference would be directly legal, naturally logical, and universally satisfactory. If the notes of the union increased to be against one than a Wall street operator or powers be would be fully satisfied, for the silver cuts would do all his business as well as the gold would. But so long as the treasury holds to duty live in siding and favoring and yielding submission to the New York and Boston banking interests, just so long will it have it in its power to plump and publish just such misleading and deceptive figures as those we have quoted.

DAS BUCH MORMON.

The fifth edition of the German translation of the Book of Mormon has just been published by the DESERET NEWS Publishing company, this city. It has been carefully revised and divided into chapters and verses as well as augmented with foot notes, so as to conform in every particular to the English edition prepared by Elder Orson Pratt. The text is identical with that which German readers are already familiar, being the work of the late President John Taylor and O. Parley Dykes, except where Bible quotations occur, which in the new edition generally are taken from Luther's translation instead of from the English.

The important volume as now presented to the public is in every respect worthy of recommendation and will certainly be much appreciated by the German speaking members of the Church. It is a book to be devotedly studied at home and to be sent to friends who may be interested in obtaining knowledge of Mormon doctrine; it is a work to be brought to the attention of all as a testimony to the marvelous work of the Almighty in the age in which we live.

Much credit is due Bishop Frederick W. Rossenfeld for the careful revision and comparison of the German text with the English, as well as to the well known publishers for the excellent typographical work. The present edition deserves to be widely spread at home and abroad.

TALKING OF UTAH.

Mr. Thos. Catling, editor of *Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper*, London, recently spent a few days in Salt Lake City. In a letter to his journal, dated the 8th May 15, the able editor describes in glowing terms what he heard and saw in this Territory. The subjoined extracts will give an idea of the character of the letter:

What of the Mormons of today? I would be neither fair nor judicious, for me, after spending less than a week in Salt Lake City, to speak too positively upon any conflicting points. But I can honestly say that I have found amongst the Mormons quite a number of highly intelligent and attractive people. I was received and greeted with the utmost kindness by the heads of the organization; other members spared no pains to render my stay interesting and agreeable; carriages and trusty guides were at my disposal, and also seats at the theatre which was built by Brigham Young and in which by Mormon designer. My letter of introduction asked for and obtained for me a seat in the tabernacle, which was built by Brigham Young and is ruled by Mormon designers