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COME TO THE POINT

There is no sense, and no good purpose
served, in beating about the bush and
trying to avoid a direct issue. The morning
anti-Mormon paper in this city has charged
repeatedly that four members of the City Council
have "betrayed their party," that they have
"repudiated their party fealty." They are
Republicans in politics, and their alleged
crime is in voting on some occasions on the
same side as that supported by four Democratic
members.Investigation of the public records
shows that this purported coalition was in
reference to the attempted removal of a man
in his place who had been "removed for cause"
from the public service. Various shifts and
subterfuges were resorted to by the minority of
the council, causing a number of desultory
actions in which the vote stood 8 to 5, or 6 to 5,
or 5 to 5, as the proceedings varied, but the
8 prevailed, and their final action was sustained
on appeal to the highest court in the State.On a number of occasions they have
stood with other Republicans in the council in
resisting vetoes by the Mayor on important
questions. With the aid of the four Democrats
the six have prevailed, and that they were right
has been acknowledged emphatically by the public.
We need not particularize, but suffice it to say
that on those questions 8 to 7 could not make a
decision. The vote stood 10 to 5, sometimes to 3,
and therefore the 8 to 7 in relation to them is
simply an "out-and-out" falsehood. But it has
been raised so many times in misrepresentation of
the four gentlemen so assailed, that the "News"
took occasion to show up the facts. Not as we
stated, from a party standpoint, as this paper is
entirely independent of the accused and for the
information of the public.But the charge is still daily repeated,
and when we demand proof that a vote by
Republicans against the appointment of an
objectionable nominee, and a vote in support of
a measure to increase our water supply, even though
in each case the Republican Mayor is on the other
side, is a "betrayal of party," the only response
we receive is a cry of "church influence," "church
control," and similar irrelevant nonsense.We ask for evidence that the Republican
party in this city demanded the appointment
referred to, and the abandonment of the measures
adopted for increasing the water supply, or the
acceptance of every unwise scheme proposed or
favored by one official; and the only answer is,
"church influence," "church control." Which is the
greater evidence of a violation of party fealty?
The persistent effort of one official to render
null and void the action of six officials, members
of his own party, or the course of the six or four,
on questions clearly established to be beneficial
and right, and to be favored by the majority of
that party in this city?Now, we care nothing for the evasions
and abuse, and sinuosity and dodging of our
unesteemed contemporary in reference to the "News,"
but we want some show of proof that in any act
of the four, or six, or more Republicans in the
City Council, they have "betrayed their party,"
or "violated party fealty." Show us the plank in
any platform, Republican or Democratic, that
has been torn down or "betrayed" by the members
of the council who did not agree with the Mayor
on some public questions!The one-man power that our quibbling
contemporary has advocated, is in direct violation
of the principles of both parties and of the charter
of this city, and to discord with the laws and policy
of the State. Anything in the shape of "reason
or argument" against our position on this subject
that our contemporary can set forth we will
respectfully consider, but its froth and fuming
and characterless abuse, may go on without
notice except profound contempt.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS.

The editor of the Kimball Graphic, a
paper that appears in Kimball, South Dakota,
devotes much space to "The Latter-day Saints"
in his issue of Sept. 25. In a kind of postscript
he explains that his father was raised as a boy
within a few miles of Joseph Smith's home
near Palmyra, being two years older than Joseph.
Often before my time, the editor, Mr. C. R. Tiffin,
rehearsed the circumstance of the vision of Joseph
Smith and the finding of "plates," but along with
other people thereabout, he took no stock in the
story. "Another reason," Mr. Tiffin continues,
"why the 'Mormons' have held a more or less
interest in my mind is that their first temple was
erected within a few miles of my boyhood home
at Kirtland, Ohio, twenty-five miles from
Cleveland—a place I visited many a time when
a kid—long after the 'Mormons' had been driven
out of the country."The gentleman's contribution to the
"Mormon" discussion is different from those of
many others in this respect that it fearlessly
sets forth such facts as the writer has obtained
by investigation. He has evidently endeavored to
get hold of the truth, and not of sensationalism.
A few extracts from the article will give the
reader an idea of its contents. Mr. Tiffin says:"There isn't a class of people, clique, or
sect on the face of the globe about which so much
is known as the Mormons of Utah. As one writer
puts it: ask anyone what he knows about the
Mormons and he will tell you that they are a
sect in Utah and that they practice polygamy. His
knowledge is likely to begin and end right there.
What he knows is more than nothing at all. The
articles of faith of the Mormon church, printed at
the head of this column, will give the reader a
better idea of religious belief than whole chapters
otherwise. Stripped of polygamy the Mormon
teachings and beliefs vary but slightly from the
practices of many bodies of men respected
throughout the world over. With polygamy, there
is not much greater difference between the Mormon
faith and Protestants than between the latter and
Catholics."He then takes up the question of polygamy,
and proves that it is no longer an issue in Utah,
though those who had married several women have
refused to cast the plural wives aside. He continues:"But without any law of Congress, polygamy
was doomed. One of the leading Mormons of Salt
Lake City said to me that his wife made him
promise before he married her that he would never
take another wife. As the younger race of
Mormons grew up in Salt Lake City, they were
surrounded by gentle influences and refinement
the natural antipathy of the highly educated
Mormon girl to sharing her husband's love and care
with another, or several others, grew up, and had
its effect among the young men as well."We quote this because it indicates how
the so-called "problem" now strikes a candid
investigator of Utah conditions. The observations
made for the purpose of ascertaining the truth are
worth more than all the one-sided statements
made for partisan purposes.Concerning the relations between "Mormons"
and non-Mormons, the writer truthfully remarks:
"Much of the antagonism between the Mormons
and the other religious sects in Salt Lake City
and throughout Utah as well has practically
disappeared. The dominating sect at Salt Lake City
is the Gentiles in unity with the Gentiles in all
matters affecting the city's good. Inter-marriages
are common. At present the mayor is a Gentile,
but the board of aldermen is made up of both
Mormons and Gentiles, and there is practically
no difference in the administration of municipal
affairs than there was between the Mormons and
non-Mormons. Presbyterians or so many Methodists."Mr. Tiffin closes his article with the following
comment on the story of the appearance of the angel
and the uncovering of the plates upon which the
Book of Mormon was recorded:
"There can be no question as to the existence
of plates covered with hieroglyphic writing. There
remain pictures of them to this day, and the whole
question upon which the life of Mormonism as a
separate belief hinges, is the credence that must
be given to this statement of the finding and
disposition of the original plates, the translation
of which, according to the Mormons, are the direct
word of God. No comment is offered as to the
veracity of the story. The facts are given as they
are recorded by the people themselves, and he who
would truly become a Mormon must give his assent
unqualified and without reservation, as to his
belief in the correctness and truthfulness of the story."We think the admission that the plates
were actually found, as told by the Prophet Joseph,
is quite important. And the world will gradually
have to admit the historical fact, for facts are
stubborn and will not be suppressed, for ever.
But when the historical fact is admitted, the
miraculous preservation of those plates, and the
divine interpretation of those plates, and the
entire system is vindicated. As the primitive
church stands, or falls, with the historical fact
of the resurrection of our Lord, so the Church in
these latter days stands, or falls, with the historical
fact of the restoration of the Book of Mormon.

LOST VIRTUES.

A Brookline clergyman the other day
preached a sermon on "That lost virtue of
obedience." That is a good theme. It ought to
be dwelt upon in every pulpit in the land. The
speakers could point out the growing tendency to
disregard all kinds of authority, divine and
human, parental and governmental, and the state
of anarchy that is the natural result of this
tendency. For it is a fact that with the
emancipation that has taken place from what
infidels designate as the ecclesiastical yoke, have
come a family life in which the parents are but
little honored by self-assertive children, and a
state in which laws and the servants of the law are
all but trampled under foot, by mobs. It is
necessary to preach obedience to the present
generation; and to show what our civilization
has lost, as well as what it has gained, as compared
with the past.And then, for a change, a series of sermons
might be delivered on the lost virtue of honesty.
For that, too, is about to become obsolete.
The old Eastern maxim: "What is mine is thine,
and what is thine is also mine," has been changed
to read: "What is mineis mine, and what is thine is mine, too," and
nobody seems to question the orthodoxy of this
changed doctrine. We are reminded of this fact
when, once in a while, revelations are made
which prove that women and children make it a
regular practice to steal in stores and elsewhere—
women, many of whom are well off and can
afford to thank to fathers, brothers and husbands
to call their thieving propensity, "kleptomani-
nia." It is all the more the pity, for through
the mothers, dishonesty is often transferred to
children and they may have to suffer for the
sins of parents. No wonder, if people engaged in
business lose faith in mankind, for what they
mostly see is that selfishness, from which crimes
and sins spring, as poison insects from swampy
ground. And if they were to locate an honest man
and woman in a market place, like Dionea, they
would have to institute a search by the aid of a
lanyard, even during the middle of the day.To some extent, those who cover up
dishonesty are to blame. Were a few cases
handled, as public welfare demands, instead of
as business interests may be thought to require,
dishonesty would be very much checked.In the meantime, the pulpit might point
out that a civilization which cannot lift the
majority of a nation to a level above anarchy
and disobedience and low dishonesty, must be
sinking back toward that barbarism which
accepts might as right, and robbery as legitimate
enterprise. It might do this, but will it? Can it?
John the Baptist his life to proclaim against the
sin of his age, and a similar price was paid by
Christendom, and a host of others. It would cost
many modern ministers their living to preach
about the "lost virtues," to this age, if they
would speak the truth. What can they do, as
long as they take pay from those whose sins
they ought to rebuke? It is a truly bad situation—
dishonesty rampant and the alleged watchmen
silenced.Secretary Bateman is a man of fair
these days.Modern finance—corner, syndicate
trust, bust.If you want to see a genuine wild
west show, go to the Fair.General Chase thinks some of the
Colorado judges are very seedy.It's possible for a coal man to smile
and smile and be a-raiser of prices still.Why is it that men never tell as big
stories about killing ducks as they do about
catching fish?A sharp break in Wall street does
not necessarily mean that any Wall street
sharps are broke.There is to be no war in the Balkans
before spring, but the fighting and massacring
continue.Big Bill Devery claims to have coined
the word "chesty." Mr. Devery certainly is
very "chesty" in all his claims.The U. of football team does not
feel discouraged by their trip to Colorado. In
fact they feel bolder than ever.To be sure that it will mature and
not be consumed, Kentucky has shipped
twenty-thousand barrels of whisky to Europe.The climate is the cause but the weather
bureau gets the blame, so prone are people to
look avar and not afar for a cause.London's new daily paper for women
is to be called the Mirror. Will it be held up
to nature's face or only to the ladies?Mr. Chamberlain continues to furnish
a great deal of "copy" setting forth his
views on the need of a change in England's
industrial and financial policy.One great superiority in the new
army rifle over the one now in use is the
name, Springfield sounds much better and more
American than Krag-Jorgensen.General Chase has been relieved of
the command of the militia at Cripple Creek,
Colorado. To which the miners there reply: For
this relief, much thanks.The weather isn't all that could be
desired but that fact should not prevent people
going to the Fair. It will pay to attend and
none who go will regret it.Strange how much time and thought
people will spend on devising ways in which to
idle away time, that most precious gift to man.
Time gone can never be regained.Austria and Russia will insist upon
their reform program for Macedonia being
carried out. It begins to look as though the
reform program would be carried out dead, if at
all.This year strikes have cost Colorado
two and a half million dollars and will reduce
her output of the precious metals six million
dollars, and probably more. Six million dollars
for folly and crime. It is a big price.New York municipal politics are
interesting but really the fate of the nation
is not involved in the election of Mr. Low or
Mr. McClellan. The details of the squabble of
various candidates on the ticket become very
tiresome. No matter where the washing takes
place, dirty linen is dirty linen.

THE ALASKAN DISPUTE.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
What the United States is contending for
at London is the possession of a continuous
strip of coast territory, purchased from Russia.
What Canada is seeking is the breaking up of that
strip into detached bits by securing sovereignty
over the bays and inlets from the ocean back
to undisputed Canadian territory in the interior.Los Angeles Times.
If there is any more of our coast that
Canada would like to have we would be
pleased to have her speak up. But don't select
Mr. Finlay to do the speaking.

WAR IN KENTUCKY.

Worcester Gazette.
The Salvation army has gone to this
gospel battlefield with all the accom-paniments of real warfare—at least so far as
uniforms, flags, music, and military titles go.
The soldiers wear the dress practically of the
United States rough riders. There will be no
timidity about this campaign, and it will be
interesting to observe what reception these
fearless evangelists will meet at the hands of
the untamed Kentuckians who have no long
delighted in slashing and shooting each other,
burning one another's property, and running
wild in the mountains. If even a few of the
desperate characters are reformed, the effort
will have been worth while.Boston Transcript.
It is probable that the army will make
temporary conquest of a much larger number
than will stick. That is always the way in
such cases, but allowing even a large majority
for the backsliders, there is generally a hopeful
leaven left. But the work undertaken ought
to have its indirect as well as its direct effect.
There are literally millions of white people in
the southern mountains, of the purest American
stock, robbing others of their lives and throwing
their own away because they know no better.
Nowhere else is there such need for the forces
of enlightenment to operate. They are not
degenerates. They are simply a primitive,
backward people whose social development has
been arrested by the nature of their environment,
but who are capable of hopefully responding
to higher influences when these are intelligently
directed upon them. If the Salvation army can
blaze the way for strong regenerative and
uplifting influences to enter its conquest will
be greater than Caesar ever made.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In Leslie's Monthly for October, Mrs.
Maud Ballington Booth has published the first
chapter of the story of her life and work. She
tells what she has done for our prisoners and
what she is still doing. There is another story
of the Pettison twins and a good Spanish-
American romance together with an amusing
burlesque, which describes a strike of the babies
against scientific motherhood. These with six
other short stories represent the fiction. There
is also a narrative of a man who worked his way
out west as a day laborer, an article on "Clouds,"
and some bits of verse.—Fifth Ave., New York.The October number of the Woman's Home
Companion contains 60 pages. It is especially a
household number. The autumn fashions are
treated exhaustively. There are articles on
cooking, entertaining and the cooking. Special
articles are the history of "The United Daughters
of the Confederacy," "Inventions That Ought to
be Invented," and pictures of "Research-Breakers."
There is a wealth of beautiful illustrations,
and the usual number of excellent short stories.—
The Crowell Publishing Company, Springfield, Ohio.Everybody's Magazine for October comes
with a wealth of articles, stories, pictures,
poems, proverbs, comments of the times, portraits,
etc. In "The Madam of Colono," Alfred Lewis
uses his trenchant pen as a stiletto and jabs
freely and daringly at the follies of those whom
most of us would not care to meet. Then there is
T. P. O'Connor's study of "Lobby"—a human
document that needs no special interest in the
powerful, biting Labouchere for its appeal, since
the living presentation of a great man must always
make the crowd pause. Literal portraits—photographs—
show the heads of America's great orders, the
Knights Templars and the Masons, the Bar Association,
the Christian Endeavor, the D. A. R., etc. A
decidedly feminine story, turning on a motherless
baby and the two women who wanted it, is
contributed by Margaret Johnson, while Albert
Bigelow Paine has done an appealing picture of
a boy of the East. There are half a dozen other
stories.—88 East Ninth St., New York.SALT LAKE THEATRE
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