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DEMAGOGISM REBUKED.

The DESERET NEWS is proud to be able truthfully to say that it has consistently, religiously and absolutely kept itself out of politics. It adopted the resolution thus to hold aloof when into its honored constituency division on national party lines was introduced. That resolution it has firmly adhered to notwithstanding all the tricks and devices of the various contending factions; and the sneers and insinuations of its contemporaries as to favoritism here or there, have been, because false, usually treated with silent scorn.

But no program is ever marked out for itself, either defined or implied, contemplated silence when injustice should be attempted by any party, or insult be offered to honest men. Cowardice is not related to independence, nor is blind partisanship a friend of truth. Both independent and truthful, both free and fearless, this paper claims to be. And when it takes up the cudgels, it does so from conviction, conscious that its campaign is that of the fair and the just, and its following the best elements of the whole community.

We invite attention to the two cards published in another column of this paper. They are called forth by the reported utterances of O. W. Powers in a recent political speech. He puts a series of questions to a candidate before the people, which candidate in private life is also prominently connected with the Utah Company. Mr. Powers's queries are chiefly deserving of notice because of their impudence. They are framed in malice, and derive their political importance wholly from the innuendoes they may convey. They can be answered in direct monosyllables, and, indeed, such is the extent of the answers given. The incident might be allowed to drop here, for against the words of the man connected with the Utah Company Mr. Powers is not capable of saying anything that will do him or any cause he represents the least particle of good.

We do not choose to let it drop there, however. We want to hold this man and these methods of political work up to the contempt they deserve. We want to invite the people's notice to the insulting sneers to which these leading citizens are subjected. We desire that men of all shades of religious or political belief shall be made aware of this outrage on common decency in every-day business affairs. We want to find out how many there are, either in or out of Mr. Powers's party, who are willing to take his word in impugnment of the motives of the First Presidency of the Church. We want every one who has read the newspapers and knows anything about the Utah Company, to have a chance to measure up the dirty insinuations with which his speech is characterized, and hurl them back at him. We want to know, finally, whether, in the estimation of the people of Utah, the license which political stumpers employ is to be permitted to go to the length of maligning any and every project instituted for the public good, and heaping insult upon the heads of men whose whole life of devotion to the people and their best interests is an open book.

Upon these points we should like to be informed before the incident is permitted to pass out of mind. Meantime we should like to know what the party newspapers think of the extremes of folly and infamy to which unremedied partisan mouthing is being carried, and how the parties themselves and the candidates appreciate the rascally procedure of which the present incident is a sample.

CAPRIVI'S RESIGNATION.

The political sensation in Europe last week was the resignation of Chancellor von Caprivi from the high office he has held since the fall of Prince Bismarck. The first dispatches on the subject contained but little definite information concerning the true nature of the crisis, but later advices afford sufficient light upon the matter to show that the court was really dissatisfied somewhat after the manner of his illustrious predecessor. The case is all the more peculiar, because Count Kanitzburg, his political opponent and president of the imperial council, has also resigned and because a successor has been chosen whose political views are said to be in harmony with those of the retired chancellor. The public are apt to look upon the whole affair as the outcome of the personal peculiarities of the German kaiser.

It has been well known for some time that differences of opinion existed between Caprivi and Kanitzburg. The former at the outset was opposed to severe measures against social democrats, while the latter favored a more stringent policy. Latterly the divergence became so marked as to call for some recognition. The policy of the government had to be defined one way or the other. Early in the week the emperor was made to yield to the persuasive arguments of his chancellor, but this only led to more opposition by the ministers. Trouble arose when the emperor gave a reception to an agrarian deputation headed by Kanitzburg and an agrarian paper pointed to the circumstance as a proof that the latter's policy was the one favored by his majesty. Caprivi offered to resign, but remained on receiving assurances of his master's unqualified approval. Then an article appeared in the Chinese Gazette attacking Kanitzburg, whereupon this gentleman resigned. The emperor now sent word to Caprivi asking him whether he had inspired the attack upon the minister president. The chancellor replied in the negative, but admitted that he was in sympathy with the views expressed by the paper. William was not satisfied, summoned Caprivi and announced that he intends a discussion. Caprivi refused this and chose the only alternative left. He resigned his position. It is known that Count Kanitzburg introduced the agrarian deputation to the emperor without first notifying the chancellor of his intention, and that fact is looked upon as sufficient ground for the step taken by the latter.

Bismarck, as will be remembered, was dismissed because he claimed the right to receive and consult with the leader of the clerical party without notifying the emperor of his proceedings until he saw fit to do so; his successor fell, it seems, because he refused to admit the propriety on the part of the emperor to receive a political deputation without consulting him. The fall of Bismarck was a notification to the classes that he could have no political secrets; Caprivi's dismissal clearly implies that the political secrets of the emperor are none of his chief servant's business.

The crisis is looked upon as grave, coming as it does at a time when the illness of the czar has brought the political chess tournament of Europe nearly to a standstill. It is taken as a sign that the emperor, perhaps, intends inaugurating a policy radically different from that of Caprivi, who rather amid the unanimous eulogy of the European press.

Prince Hohenlohe, Caprivi's successor, is nearly seventy-five years old. As ambassador to France he made a very favorable impression in that country. He has lately held the position of governor over the once French provinces Alsace and Lorraine. In politics he belongs to the moderate conservative party and it is supposed he will endeavor to continue the personal policy of his predecessor.

DISPENSING WITH ELECTRIC WIRES.

When an electrician announces some great advance in his science, the public, instead of wondering that it has been made at all, wonder why it was not sooner made, so accustomed have we become to seeing this science moving vast and rapid strides. So when an electrician of repute predicts that something, no matter how wonderful, will yet be accomplished with electricity, the public are quite ready to accept the prediction, and begin to look with impatience for its fulfillment.

The announcement, therefore, that the subtle fluid, if such it be, is being conveyed, and made to operate telegraph and telephone instruments, without wires, has astonished no flurry, although it is more significant, and means more for mankind, than even the invention of the telephone itself. Excitedly without wires! Think for a moment what this means. The mere doing away with the unsightly poles and strings now used for conveying the electric current, and the consequent saving of expense, are two small items involved in the new discovery.

Conveying electricity without wires means that man has penetrated a new realm of nature; that he has discovered new principles in her economy; and that results as stupendous as they are only estimate, and even stagger contemplation, are not only possible, but inevitable. What changes will this earth witness when light, heat, power and intelligence are conveyed from point to point, without regard to distance, and with the aid of no other medium than that which is contained in the atmosphere which surrounds the earth, or in the earth itself!

And yet, according to the theory in which electrical inventors are now working, and which they claim to have demonstrated, this is what will in time be the near future. This theory may be thus stated: Ether is the medium which conducts electricity, as air does sound, or as water does waves. When the ether in the atmosphere, so to speak, is by means of a suitable mechanical device, made to vibrate at a given rate of speed, or pitch, another mechanical appliance, of suitable construction and delicacy, will respond to the vibrations, and reproduce them in audible sounds which can be understood, though no wire connects the two instruments. Vibrations at a given rate of speed produce sound; those at a higher rate produce light. It follows, therefore, that it would not be transmitted by vibrating the ether, which is omnipresent, but at a light way.

The distance between the mechanical device which sets agoing the vibrations of the ether, and the device that receives those vibrations, and reduces them to the purpose of man, cuts very little figure. So far as experiments indicate, the ether acts without much regard to distance.

According to this theory the subject is fraught with innumerable possibilities. For instance, ether surrounds the moon in which the planets float; hence conversation between their inhabitants and those of this globe, will be as easy matter, when once the initiative is taken. A concert taking place on Venus, presumably the home of such amusements, could be enjoyed by as many of the inhabitants of this earth as had access to a properly attuned "interpreter" and on the same principle, music raised in our world could be attuned by power generated in Jupiter, and musical homes could be warmed and lighted from Mars.

The history, civilization and products of distant worlds would become as familiar to us as are those of the countries of our own. But why pursue the subject further now? Let us await and watch the progress of science and the development of the purposes of the Almighty.

AN HONORED MAN'S BIRTHDAY.

A custom is coming into vogue among the people of this community which is a beautiful one, and well calculated to cultivate and stimulate sentiments of piety and ennobling character. We refer to the observance of the anniversaries of the birth of old veterans in the Church by their families and friends, both before and after the objects of such honors have passed from the labors of earth.

The most of the honored individuals so celebrated carry out a prearranged program, which is only successful good things for both mind and body. They relate incidents from the history of their answer and friend, and recount his trials and achievements. If he be still alive, they shower upon him their good wishes and congratulations; if he be dead, they commend his examples one another, and cherish his memory.

An occasion of this kind occurred on Saturday last, when the members of the family of Daniel H. Wells met together at one of the lovely residences in this city to commemorate the day on which that honored and valiant champion saw first the world. Had he been living he would have been 81 years old. Every member of the family who is in the city was present, and this included a goodly little army of grandchildren. The program was mainly entrusted to the latter, who rendered a number of songs, recitations and other exercises in a pleasing manner. Two of Brother Wells's sons are at present on missions, one lately took up his duties as an elder in the story in Nebraska, and two were detained by business in Idaho. With these exceptions all the immediate descendants were present, down to the little tot in arms. On Friday some fifteen members of the family engaged in Temple work—a labor in which their deceased head always took so profound an interest; and the exercises on the birthday proper partook of all the agreeable elements of a family reunion and will prove an incentive to other repetitions of the same celebration. This is all about it; keep fresh and green the memories of the founders of Zion!

Real Political Issues

WHILE TRYING TO SOLVE THEIR PERSONAL BUSINESS SHOULD ALSO BE REMEMBERED. LIKE JUDGE COLBORN AND PORTERTON PLACE "ALL IS SAME."

In these days of political strife people are apt to become so engaged in discussing the merits of their respective parties and their respective candidates, that they forget business, home and family. Thomas K. Beecher once said in a sermon, "Great some men served their church that they bought their Christ, and some so loved their party they bought their country," and the truth of the assertion is very apparent in this city at the present time, and a word of caution may not come amiss, and all those who prefer to make their opinions by a bet, instead of an argument, should remember the advice of the gentleman who said "never make a bet he could not afford to lose," which if properly heeded would make election bets very few indeed. But if you must bet, bet upon home or affairs and not men, that the winner is not only not to Republican or Democrat, but we are not sure to become stalwarts. The winner should be made jovial and comfortable, since a respectable appearance when making application for a job in the gift of his favorite candidate, and the loser would not be thought to paying his wager at the very time we plead for which we are making humanity clothing, food and the winner and loser alike by honest from the immense stock—nearly five hundred styles of shoes to select from.

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