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SENATOR SMOOT.

The re-election of Senator Reed Smoot to the United States Senate is a tribute to the moral and intellectual quality of the man, and the excellent service he has rendered the State during the first term in the Senate. The opposition papers, with their usual disregard for truth and decency, are trying to belittle the Senator and make it appear that his re-election was not in accordance with the popular demand. But, as to that, there can be no question. The people know that Senator Smoot has served Utah well, under trying circumstances. They know that he became popular in official circles because of his integrity, and ability. They know that through him honor came to the State he represented.

Senator Smoot, during the greater part of his first term in the Senate, was the object of a vicious, unscrupulous, and un-American attack, and a great deal of time and energy was necessarily spent in refuting the falsehoods with which the country was flooded, and vindicating the cause of religious liberty and American principles of government against the modern Don John. The importance of the victory of Senator Smoot over his assailants is, perhaps, not fully realized as yet, but it will be, when the smoke of the battle shall have cleared away entirely and the infamy of the plans laid by the conspirators is viewed in the light of impartial history. Senator Smoot stood his ground, faithfully and valiantly, for the American Constitution and the Constitutional rights of all American citizens, and this will, in due time, be appreciated by the people of the United States.

Senator Smoot has been in full accord with the government, and he will undoubtedly continue the same relations in the future. He will undoubtedly be a staunch supporter of President Taft. Furthermore, he represents the entire people of Utah, and not a class, or a party. He is the people's man, as he is a man of the people. No one need to hesitate to approach him on questions of public importance, because of difference in creed or political views. He has always been willing to serve the people and further their interests. We feel confident that his next term in the Senate will be a brilliant period of his public career.

PROHIBITION'S PROGRESS.

Whatever the immediate outcome of the present outcry against the saloon as an element in the social fabric, ultimate victory for prohibition is as certain as the advance of civilization is sure. And it will not be "state wide" prohibition but "nation-wide." It is only ten years since it was the fashion, for instance, for a majority of journalists to pose as hard drinking men. Seldom, indeed, do we encounter the long debauches now that even statesmen considered were necessary half a century ago. Prohibition is coming, just as yellow journalism is going, as a natural step in the advance of the people.

Just now the more intelligent seventy-five per cent can remove conditions that create sin from a more recalcitrant twenty-five per cent, but the whole mass is moving forward. Even the brewers oppose some kinds of saloons.

The back track of any army is protected by a rear guard, and in Italy's legislature today this rear guard is fighting in the hope of burying in a senate committee's private grave yard, bills for prohibition. Once they may do it, but not twice.

The conditions that make prohibition laws necessary now are only transitory. The day they foretell is a day when legislation against the saloon will be no more necessary than legislation compelling people to battle. Alcohol is coming rapidly to be considered by the nation at large in a class not of beverages or medicines, but of poisons, such as opium and cocaine.

It was a long fight and a hard fight to stamp as a criminal any person who should attempt to poison the people's food. But the fight was one that had to be won because it was the people's fight for advancement. Exactly similar causes have led the people to discern another of their enemies and to take the field against it. Wine brewers and sagacious saloon men will see this, and begin to shape their affairs accordingly. A prohibition law it may be possible to delay. A prohibition sentiment cannot be overcome, and it is becoming a universal sentiment of the heart. The saloons can never hope for immunity from the sentiment, however they plan to evade the law while there still remains a sentiment to cater to. Whether prohibition prohibits or not the case hardened drunkard from obtaining his liquor through an express package, it at least removes the open saloon door from the reach of the unsophisticated, the juvenile, and the enthusiastic friend who wants to stop you on the street to buy you a drink.

In a prohibition town recently the proprietor of a hotel took a guest into his private room and offered him a drink. The guest, returning to Salt

Lake, uses that as an argument that prohibition does not prohibit. All progress is by degrees, and no battle finds an advancing army so eager for the fray that there are not some soldiers in the rear who are delighted to think they are not at the front. To prepare for prohibition is the wisest practicable move on the part of all having property interests involved in the matter.

THE MAYOR'S REVIEW.

Mayor Brandford undertakes, in his review of the past year, to correct an impression created, he says, by certain newspapers, that the property owners pay the entire cost of the public improvements. The City, the Mayor says, pays approximately 25 per cent of that cost.

Of course the entire cost is extracted from the pockets of the taxpayers, either in the form of general, or special, taxes. There is no need of discussing that question.

But the point is this: Under "American" rule, or rather, misrule, the special taxes levied have appeared sufficiently large to pay the entire cost of the public improvements made in many localities, considering the quality of the work. That is one of the main objections. Witness the macadamizing on Second avenue, to mention only one instance. The citizens have paid exorbitant prices for poor work. That is the impression which cannot be effaced by any amount of panegyric. And so deep is this impression, that the citizens are beginning to ask for, not only new party rule, but for a new system in which party bossism and party graft shall have no place.

The Mayor wisely omits from his review any reference to the "red-light" district business, which was so prominent before the public last year, and which still lingers in view. That is rather significant. The better class of citizens have protested against the establishment of that district. They have taken the matter up before the courts asking for protection against the moral plague. The Mayor might at least have given them some assurance that City officers are not going to stand idly by, if the laws and ordinances are being broken in a most flagrant manner.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN.

Salt Lake has had a chance to see and to know Senator-elect Chamberlain of Oregon, formerly the state's governor. During the "See America" convention he was presiding officer, and made one of the best speeches brought forth by that notable gathering. Of the hundreds of friends he made at that time none recall him as either Democrat or Republican, for partisanship was not a thing that seemed to stand forth in his character. Rather it was the manhood of the man, and universality of viewpoint.

The people of Oregon who voted for him, a Democrat, and selected a Republican legislature to name him for Congress were probably not thinking of politics, but of individuals. That the legislature carried out its pledges to the people is a matter for congratulation in which every state of the Union will join. Certain it is that in recent years the vitality of politics has left old questions, and settled in a new issue between special privilege and the general welfare. In this issue Chamberlain, we have reason to believe, is with Taft and Roosevelt. On such a man a party label is a small thing. In Washington, Senator Chamberlain may be expected to do large things and be generous minded. That he is a Democrat will not be remembered by any member of the majority in a way to cripple his usefulness. In fact, in Congress party lines are very often less in evidence than in some city councils dominated by Lilliputian souls. President Roosevelt greeted him a month before his selection by the legislature as "Senator-elect," although Republican politicians had been east seeking administration aid against him. The action was similar to the quick justice with which President Roosevelt took Senator Smoot by the hand and welcomed him to Washington, and to important committees in perfecting his forestry conservation plans. Chamberlain, from all accounts, is a man we can afford to wish well.

RUSSIAN ADMIRAL CALLED.

So poor Rodhestvensky is dead. He was brought to the notice of nations when he was commanded to take a fleet around the world almost and meet Admiral Togo in mortal combat.

The Baltic fleet started for Japan in October, 1904. In May, the next year, Togo, who had kept himself informed

of the movements of his antagonist, attacked the Russians off Tsu Island. The fight and pursuit lasted two days, May 27 and 28, 1905, and resulted in the total annihilation of the Russian sea force. Only three vessels escaped, and they were rendered useless. Rodhestvensky was captured.

It has been assumed that the disposition of the Russian fleet, in double line, with his cruisers between his battleships and the enemy, was the fatal error, and probably it was. But the total loss cannot be taken as evidence of lack of skill. At sea, when it comes to battle, there is almost no alternative between victory and annihilation. The Russians were not equipped for a combat with the Japanese, any more than were the Spaniards to meet the Americans. On land a skilful general may retreat and harden his soldiers and teach them gradually how to gain the victory. But circumstances are different in naval conflicts. The episode with the North Sea trawlers shows in what a state of nerves the Russian fleet was. The Journal of the chief engineer of the fleet shows the state of gloomy apprehension in which men and officers alike went forward to meet their fate. They had no faith in the undertaking.

But Rodhestvensky was a brave sailor. In the naval hospital at Saeborg, where he lay wounded, after the historic battle, Admiral Togo called on him and complimented him for his bravery. The sweeper of streets is the real cloud compeller. The father of Billy Possum was Bill o' Fare of Atlanta. Few things are safer than predicting storms in midwinter. Figures may not lie but like accounts they can be padded.

The Drew bill draws out a good many adverse comments.

Strange how people will run after "pie" when it is all out and tried.

An income tax may breed a nation of liars but there are other breeding grounds also.

The Standard Oil books have never been placed on the shelves of any Carnegie library.

"Speculation in stocks is a science," says Henry Cleave. And more exacting than exact.

Politics make such strange bed fellows that they don't recognize each other next day.

This tirade of abuse that is being heaped on President Roosevelt, Willett last forever?

Professor Guglielmo Ferrero seems to have a spite against Cleopatra, yet she never did him any harm.

The Webfoot legislators are squatted as their election of Governor Chamberlain to succeed Senator Fulton proves.

Sometimes people make as sorry a mess of making up their minds as making up their wearing apparel.

Of Representative Willett's Jeremiah it may be said as Uncle Toby said, "The army in Flanders wears terribly but it never wore like that."

"Caruso the tenor is greatly worried because a fortune teller has informed him that he will lose his voice," says an exchange. It was a misfortune teller who told Caruso this.

Rev. Mr. Baxter of Aurora, Ill., says that flirting in church is not harmful, that there it is "purged of its harmfulness." This is the cheapest bid yet for pulpit popularity.

The United States and Venezuela have practically agreed on a protocol for the settlement of their difficulties. Credit for this happy state of affairs is due to Castro. He went away, thus enabling Gomez to bring it about.

There is a great demand for trade schools. Thirty or forty years ago the common schools were all trade schools, the boys trading tops and marbles and the girls all trading gum and apples. And this in school hours, too.

A quarter of a million Italian laborers from Calabria and Sicily are coming to this country in the near future, it is said. They will be welcome, and the great calamity that has befallen their country will insure them much sympathy.

ELIZA R. SNOW

Eliza Roxey Snow Smith was born in the town of Hackett, Berkshire county, Mass., Jan. 21, 1804. She was the daughter of Oliver and Roxey Lenora Pettibone Snow. They were of English descent; their ancestors were among the earliest settlers of New England.

Eliza R. Snow Smith was 19 years older than the eldest son. The whole family belonged to the Baptist church. The children were carefully trained in habits of industry, economy and strict morality, with the best school education the country then afforded. Being the eldest, she was employed as secretary to her father, who, although a farmer, performed much public business, officiating often in responsible positions.

While in her youth Miss Snow became an expert needlewoman, also excelled in dress and lace work. She obtained the prize two years in succession from the committee on manufactures for the best made leghorn. When quite young she commenced writing for the press for publication in several journals. At the death of Adams and Jefferson both occurring at the same time, she was requested through the press to write their obituary, to which she responded. She had always been accustomed to write under the nom de plume, but now she found herself becoming quite popular and famous—which she would far rather have avoided, as her nature was to shun notoriety rather than seek it.

Sister Eliza, after investigating the principles and truths of the everlasting

gospel as taught by Joseph Smith, was baptized April 5, 1828, and after that she moved from Mantua, Portage county, O., to Kirtland, O., the gathering place of the saints. She boarded with the family of the prophet and taught a select school for young ladies. Sister Eliza was the first secretary of the Relief society, organized March 17, 1842, and was also the second president of Relief society in all the world. She was sealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith in the celestial order of marriage June 25, 1842.

Her beloved sister, in company with another, left Salt Lake City, October 1877, and visited the Holy places, where the Savior was born, and also where He began His ministry; she also visited the place where He was finally crucified. Sister Eliza worked many years in the Endowment House, where she blessed hundreds of her sisters; she also worked in St. George, Mantua and Logan temples, blessing the living and redeeming the dead. She organized the first Primary association in Farmington, Davis county, Sept. 5, 1898. She was always first and foremost in every measure or enterprise for the good of the people, and promoting the interests of Zion.

Sister Eliza was taken from us Dec. 5, 1895, after a lingering sickness, brought on by an accident two years before her demise. She bore her sufferings with patience and great fortitude, and was cheerful to the last moment of her life. She was loved by all who had the privilege of her acquaintance.

E. J. D. ROUNDEY.

CHURCHES FOR SALE.

From the Boston Transcript.
In Great Britain and on the continent it is a rare thing to dispose of consecrated grounds or buildings for secular purposes, even though they have outlived their original functions. On the other hand, when a church edifice gets in the way of business progress in New York City its fate is sealed. Neither sentiment, nor reverence is strong enough to save it, and probably no other city in the world has made so many sanctatory changes in its portions to suit the last century as our own metropolis.

ON THRIFT.

New York Evening Post.
Lord Rosebery made a speech in Edinburgh the other day on the virtue of thrift. To address Scotchmen on that subject was, he admitted, very like calling the righteous to repentance. His remarks, however, were sound and timely. It was saving, Lord Rosebery pointed out, combined with thrifty attention to business and abstinence of waste in all its forms, that lay at the bottom of most of the great fortunes of the world. His examples of thrift among great men were George Washington—"as thrifty a man of business as ever lived"—Frederick the Great—"more than thrifty"—and Napoleon—"thrifty in detail to the utmost possible extent." But care and prudence in money matters, Lord Rosebery argued, had also gone to the making of great empires. When Rome ceased to be thrifty, she degenerated. Yet never was the role of the rigid economist more ungrateful than today. Lord Rosebery asserts that the species is now extinct in the British Parliament. If not dead in our Congress, it is at least most unpopular. The news this morning is that, despite the swelling Treasury deficit, and in face of the opposition of Chairman Burton and Speaker Cannon, there is a powerful demand by Congressmen that a river and harbor bill be passed this session to the tune of \$40,000,000. Thrift, thrift, Horatio!

JUST FOR FUN.

The Spur.
"I'll spur you on," she gladly said before she had become his wife.
"I'll spur you on year after year and be the sunshine of your life."
When doubts assail you, when it seems as if your bravest hopes were gone.
Dear heart, with faith unshattered, I'll be at your side to spur you on.

He took her for his own and tried to win her over and win her regard. But no fair heights by him were scaled although he labored long and hard. His courage dwindled year by year, and year by year his hopes took flight. The lady kept her promise though; she spurred him on, all right, all right.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Too High.
"I thought his building had only forty stories!" cried the excited foreigner.
"It has," said the elevator starter.
"Ah, no! You deceive me! I just got on one of your elevators. One passenger said, 'Three, please.' Another said, 'Seven,' another, 'Ten.' And then a man cried out, '1945!' Sacre bleu! I got out at ze first stop. It is too much of ze risk!"

"But 1945 is an office number!" exclaimed the starter.
"No! You deceive! I have not ze trust in you! Tomorrow I return to Paris!"—New York Times.

At His Own Risk.
Carter (on crutches and with a bandage over one eye)—I have come, sir, to make application for the amount due on my accident insurance policy. I fell down a long flight of stairs the other evening and sustained damages that will disable me for a month to come.

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