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ARE YOU REGISTERED?

Every voter who expects to cast a ballot on Nov. 5 should see that his or her name is entered on the list. He should take no man's word for it but see himself. Anyone who was registered and cast a ballot in the last county election may vote this year without registering, provided he still lives where he did then. One may not vote who merely registered and did not cast his ballot. All newcomers, and all who have moved from one district to another must re-register.

The last chance to register will be on Tuesday, October 29.

SPEAKING OF PROSPERITY.

The senior anti-Mormon organ boasts that real estate has increased in valuation during the past two years.

Of course the valuation has increased. It has increased in almost every two years since the city was founded and will continue to do so unless the city shall become a place undesirable to live in by reason of the lack of security of life and property here under misrule, corruption, and inefficiency.

But the value of real estate has increased in Ogden, in Provo, in Logan, in almost every town in fact, not only in this State, but in all the West, whether the towns have been under one or another party administration. The last few years have witnessed an era of Western expansion. We suspect that the increase in the valuation of property in San Francisco since the disaster, would out-distance that of any other city in the country; and if Ex-Mayor Schmitz were to come forward with the statement that the gain in the city's wealth had been due to the administration he gave to it, he would be doing precisely what the "American" shouters are engaged in when they claim that as a result of their miserable incumbency, the city has prospered.

We know that New York City was prosperous and grew very fast while its city treasury was being looted by the Tweed ring; and one of the campaign cries of that organization was that it was beautifying the city and giving it an era of "prosperity."

Similarly the cry of the "American" party looters that their depredations bring prosperity, is a screen that does not conceal how many of its chosen officials have been forced to resign and for what reasons.

The fact is that the entire West has been filling up somewhat more rapidly in recent years than formerly; and the prosperity of the cities is due to this cause rather than to the fact that in San Francisco and in Salt Lake City administrations have been in power that are characterized by incompetency, blackmail, and alliance with the lower elements of society.

A recent issue of the Junior organ of "Americanism" in this city based an editorial article on the idea that in the last few years Idaho farms have doubled in price. The large rise in recent years is known to every one, and we in no way seek to question that assertion. We mention the Junior organ's demonstration as a remarkable proof of the madness or naivety that in the "American" cause claims the rise in the price of real estate, etc., to be due to the beneficent rule of the so-called "American" party.

CURIOUS ABOUT "IT."

Elder H. W. Nelsbitt tells the "News" the following incident which may be of general interest.

Most persons are familiar with the fact that the current of a person's life has often been determined not by logic or argument, but by a happily turned phrase, a broken proverb, the line of a song, a startling text, one of the other. These have all had their effect in shaping men's destiny and character and life. The case in point came under personal observation the other day. A gentleman tourist, of which there are many, visiting this city, found himself on the Temple Block and was escorted through the Tabernacle by a lady guide and in her explanation she continually used this word, "It." I presume growing out of the discussion, that Mormonism was "it" or that the truth was "it," or that the system generally could be personified as "it," and the expression caught his attention, aroused his curiosity and he could not rid himself of it and wherever he went through the Tabernacle or elsewhere this "It" sounded in his ear.

There was a certain degree of positivism about it. It was not "I think" or "I believe," but there was an assumption of being in possession of something peculiar to "It."

But after he had got through with the lady he walked up to the forenoon and there he met some gentlemen guides and they were just as decided in their expression of "It" as the lady had

been. And they saw that he was a stranger and entered into conversation with him. He told them he was not there for argument. He had nothing to offer in opposition to Mormonism because he did not know anything about it. He was not there for controversy at all. He said this word "It" arrested his attention. He wanted to see, or find out, what the Bureau through its representatives and literature had to say for itself. He did not want anybody's opinion; he did not want anybody's comment. He wanted to know what this "It" had to say for itself and this thought was the uppermost in his mind and it rested upon him with a degree and force. He bought a copy of each book in the Bureau that would tend to elucidate this wonderful impression. It must have been something new to his experience. He had had no doubt people believed this and thought that, etc., but he had never met with a person of "It." That was unique with him and that was why it affixed itself upon his mind. Now he bore these books off in triumph from the Bureau and took with him a complete catalogue of books, tracts and pamphlets published by the Church, saying that if there was anything in those that he had not got he would send for them by mail, so as to solve this problem of "It."

Let us hope that his inquiry was satisfied and that he found out what the "It" is in and of itself, whether he accepted or believed, or otherwise. He was struck with that expression so unique, so far-reaching in its character and so unlike the general inquiry on the Temple Block.

AS TO FUSION.

The following comments on the benefits of fusion for the attainment of higher results are by the New York Mail, and represent a view that is becoming quite general in cities where corruption has held sway in the management of public affairs.

"The Republican party in this city will not get it alone in the campaign that is on. Why should it? It has rarely done so in other campaigns, and has been almost always and almost unhappily placed when it has done so."

"As a minority, it has been absolutely shut out upon the Republican party to seek alliance against the common foe, Tammany. Thus it elected Strong; thus it elected Low. It fused with the Shashanites, the Greenbackers and the 'Liberal' and a number of other organizations, large or small; conducted a campaign without a shadow of principle and saved the city in two successive administrations, the benefit of its own willingness to waive prejudices and grudges and strike hands with every force willing to unite on a worthy object."

"The delegates who fought against a fusion with the Hearst forces in the Republican county convention last night did not choose to recall how two years ago the Republican party, the Independence League, and the Citizens Union sat side by side as fellow-conventioners in the preliminary but finally abortive attempts to form an anti-Tammany fusion. No one then saw anything unseemly in that fellowship."

"Republicans are asked by the same leaders who, in the State field, gave them the Hughes candidacy and assured the people the Hughes administration to merge their party bias or personal preferences in the opportunity for a larger good than the fusion just effected gives them."

"The New York World recommends 'fusion' by voters as distinct from fusion by politicians. That influential journal says:

"What is the interest of the plain people? Simply to get able and upright men into office. If both tickets are mixed or good and bad, the individual voter should divide his support, choosing the best men offered for this purpose and working not at all about party consistency with the past or party prospects for the future."

"This is good advice in all places where citizens must place themselves against the plotters to whom offices are nothing but 'spoils.'"

NOT ORIGINAL BUT TRUE.

The Salt Lake Tribune acknowledges, in an indirect way, that the so-called "American" party is dominated by a set of men who are actuated by the lowest motives—revenge and a craving for offices. But it finds fault with the "News" for stating the facts in the case, on the ground that whatever charge may be made against those rulers of the party, the Tribune has already made against the victims of its blackmail. It says we are paraphrasing and lack originality.

Perhaps so. The Tribune has failed, by charged the numerous innocent victims of its malice with every crime which it knows that some of its intimate friends of the anti-Mormonism are guilty of in fact it has always been the dodge of that unprincipled publication to draw the public attention away from its own greed, by alleging that by microscopic investigation it finds innumerable shortcomings in others. It can not complain legitimately, if somebody throws at its pet the fact sticks it has prepared for others.

But we are reminded of an incident in the history of Ahab of whom it is said that he "did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him." One of his crimes was that he charged the Prophet Elijah with being the cause of the trouble that the people suffered. It was then that the Prophet, burning at indignation, hurled the charge back in the face of the man of iniquity: "I have not troubled Israel, but thou and thy father's house."

The Tribune, in accusing others with crimes that stain its own record, does not show any considerable degree of originality. The dodge is as old as Ahab and Jezebel. Fortunately the anti-Mormonism is no longer the force in this community it once was. It has lost its standing even with many of its readers. These have been deceived as frequently by its headlines and editorial perversions, that its statements now are always taken with allowance for the well understood motives of the writers. The sheet that in olden times forged the "red-hot" address which contributed to the murder of "Mormon" Elders, the sheet that in more recent times apologized for the murder of the martyrs at Carthage, the sheet that is in political alliance with the vendors of moral corruption, the sheet that sells lies for news and thrusts its tentacles into the public treasury for worthless advertising is

not trusted by the public. This may not be original. It may even be weak. But it is true.

The peace conference has passed into history. Requested in pace.

If the Princeton Tigers want a real taste why do they not tackle the Tammany Tiger?

The next time the President goes hunting Mowgli should be taken along as chief guide.

Perhaps some art prizes were not awarded because the artists failed to cross the dead line.

The next equestrian test for army officers should be to ride a cock-horse to Barbary Cores.

Hercules wore a lion's skin and carried a club. The President carries a big stick and can wear a bear's skin.

Moral of the Magill case: If you marry your deceased wife's friend too soon, you may be charged with murder.

Gospel and lies, which travel faster than anything else in the world, went by wireless centuries before Marconi was born.

The naturalization laws should be amended so that undesirable citizens may take out papers making them desirable ones.

Could there be better proof that this is an era of prosperity than that an ear of corn should bring two hundred and fifty dollars?

Secretary Root's return from Mexico was as quiet as that of an invalid seeking rest and calm. How different it would have been had he returned from Manila.

The bottlers' association proposes to make demand on Congress for certain legislation. If refused, it will pour out its bottled-up wrath on the heads of the devoted congressmen.

William D. Rockefeller knows something more, not very much about Standard Oil affairs than his brother John D. does. It may be owing to the fact that he owns very much less in it.

Chairman Dummer's acceptance of Chairman Snow's challenge is entirely too narrow and limited. Its scope at least should have included the Darwinian theory and the question of the verbal inspiration of the Bible.

"I am down and out," says Spencer J. Small of the telegraphers. There is nothing like knowing when you are down and out. Had the archbishop been aware of that fact he never would have scored Gil Blas as he did for criticizing his sermon.

The Hamburg-American line will build a steamer some seven thousand tons larger than the Lusitania and will name her Europa. The Cunard people will surely brook such an affront. They may build a very much larger one than the Europa and name it the Asia, seeing the name seems to determine the size.

The other day, writes our friend, H. W. Nelsbitt, a paper was sent from England, or rather an illustrated section of a paper, which had in it the baptism of two descendants of Rev. F. C. Spurgeon, by immersion, he being a baptist preacher. It was curious to read the illustration and to remember that Elder H. W. Nelsbitt was baptized by immersion in 1882 in Northern Yorkshire, and that since that time thousands have come to Utah from that country, every one of whom was baptized by immersion. Rev. F. C. Spurgeon seems just to have become conscious of the fact that baptism by immersion is something more than a form.

WHY NOT?

Los Angeles Times.
The mystery of the attraction of the girl for the actor has been brought home by the bitter sorrow of the family of W. W. Fleming of this city. The average actor is about the most tiresome, flat and uninteresting character of modern life. If a girl must elope and crash her family, why not remember that Elder H. W. Nelsbitt was baptized by immersion in 1882 in Northern Yorkshire, and that since that time thousands have come to Utah from that country, every one of whom was baptized by immersion. Rev. F. C. Spurgeon seems just to have become conscious of the fact that baptism by immersion is something more than a form.

THE ONE-ROOM HOUSE.

The House Beautiful.
A very modern architect predicts the house of one large room, a small electric kitchen attached and an enormous inclosed porch with facilities for outdoor sleeping. Whether housekeepers will care for his scheme or not is a question, but it is undoubtedly true that the comparatively small kitchen, the big porch and the generous living-room have come to stay.

SAN FRANCISCO'S CORRUPTION.

San Francisco Chronicle.
It has been the exception and not the rule that franchise or other favors have been granted without corruption. We do not believe that any business man accustomed to having dealings with the city has ever expected or attempted to get anything without bribing somebody. There is probably not a city franchise in force which was not corruptly obtained. Nothing whatever, however beneficial to the public, but which also particularly favored some special interest, has usually been done until that interest "came through."

DISCRIMINATIONS IN CHINA.

Editorial Sun.
Secretary Taft's demand for the "open door" has a direct relation against all forms of discrimination. The Chinese government is powerless to prevent Russia or Japan using their national property in China for the promotion of Japanese and Russian trade. It is not probable that even Mr. Taft's earnestness and eloquence will change the situation for the better.

JUST FOR FUN.

Independent.
Bribe—Hobson seems to be happy. Guess he has his little money, but he possesses a philosophical temperament and amiable tastes.

"I see," "It is independently poor," "Judge."

The Fortune Teller.
"Madam, beware of a man with black eyes."

"Huh, he ain't dangerous! That's

my husband; I gave him them eyes last night."—Houston Post.

A Possibility of the Future.

The Kaiser (in Paris): "Indeed, my dear Fallieres, a magnificent reception! What pleasure it is to see how thoroughly monarchical and Teutonic are in their feelings."—Lustige Blätter.

"Did Dame Fortune ever smile on you, Bill?" "Naw! She just looked at me and snickered."—Judge.

"Does the razor hurt a?" "Inquired the barber, anxiously. "Can't say," replied the victim, testily, "but my face does."—Harper's Weekly.

"How did Henry get along when he had to testify in court, Mrs. Mixer?" "He got along good enough all the lawyers tangled him all up with one of them air long hyperbolic questions."—Baltimore American.

"Do you think you will give any molecules this winter?" "Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "I like them. They give me a chance to keep still, instead of inviting criticisms of my grammar from mother and the girls."—Washington Star.

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