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## COMMENDABLE ENTERPRISE.

The Commercial Club of this city has undertaken a meritorious task. It is to divert in this direction the stream of tourist travel from this country into Europe by turning it into western channels. It is estimated that the money expended in foreign lands by American travelers amounts annually to \$150,000,000. Taking into consideration the costs of transportation, food, sight-seeing, purchases and other expenditures, it will be seen that the sum stated is not an exaggeration. Why should not a large portion of that money be expended in visiting the many wonderful and charming attractions of the great West?

People seeking recreation or health or information concerning the globe on which we live, can find no better opportunity for obtaining that which they desire than are offered by the regions of the Rocky Mountains and the western slope of this great continent. They are more wonderful, varied, and enchanting than anything that can be found upon the Eastern hemisphere or the islands of the sea. They are practically unknown to millions of the American people. Indeed we may say this concerning the whole country west of the Mississippi river. It is a veritable revelation to eastern folks when they pass over the vast regions lying on this side of that magnificent waterway.

Of course there are peculiar attractions in the Old world, in the way of celebrated structures, quaint customs, old time communities and historic features of various kinds, which will always be interesting to the people of the new world, but these have been visited by many thousands of Americans who have no idea of the grand scenery, splendid climate, ancient relics, vigorous communities, and industrial advantages in the western part of the Western Hemisphere. To draw attention to these features is part of the work marked out for itself by the Commercial Club. It is a matter that concerns not only the people of this city and state, but all the cities and states within the region referred to. Their attention will be called to this important subject, and an interest will be awakened in the minds of all classes of pushing, enterprising and progressive citizens.

As a step in this direction the Commercial Club is arranging for a conference of the Governors of the States and Territories likely to be affected by the turning of the tourist tide in this direction, and of representatives of the chief commercial organizations and railroads operating in this section. A committee has been appointed by the Commercial Club to look after this matter, consisting of Heber M. Wells, president of the club; Richard P. Morris, mayor of Salt Lake; John C. Cutler, governor of Utah; Simon Bamberger, W. P. O'Meara, John J. Judson and Fisher Harris. They have set the date for the conference on January 18, 1906.

The Deseret News will cheerfully do all in its power to aid in this good work, and hopes that the press in all the States and Territories likely to be affected by the movement, will extend their assistance in publishing abroad the purposes and objects thereof, with a view to making the proposed conference successful in every sense of the word. We commend the Commercial Club for inaugurating this beneficial enterprise.

## THE CAMPBELL FAKE.

If there ever was a more squalid, more infamous, or more diabolical falsehood perpetrated by a public journal, than the Campbell story, as presented by the un-American organ of a plutocrat, we are not aware of it. Nothing comparable to it has been exposed in the anti-Mormon camp since the "Red Hot Address" story which was concocted in the Tribune office in 1884.

As many of our readers will remember, the aim of un-American conspirators at that time was to deprive Utah of the vestige of American government, and, with that end in view, to rob every "Mormon" of the rights of citizenship. They even talked of "stamping out" Mormonism, instead of reasoning with its followers.

During that time, and undoubtedly for the purpose of furnishing an excuse for the stamping out policy, the Tribune concocted its "Red Hot Address," which purported to have been delivered by a "Mormon." Bishop named West, in Utah. It recommended assassination of all opponents of "Mormonism," and especially Governor Murray.

It was proved that the story was a fake, without the least foundation, but its publication nevertheless had its intended effect, and it is believed that the circulation of it in the South was

one cause of the Tennessee massacre of "Mormon" Elders.

The Campbell story, as presented by the Tribune, is just as authentic as its "Red Hot Address" fake, and no more. It serves one good purpose, though. It shows every person who is not wilfully blind to the truth, how utterly without foundation are the allegations that the Church sanctions polygamy. These allegations are generally founded on rumors, and insinuations, the origin of which is, and remains, a mystery. But whenever the scandal-mongers attempt to point to something definite some tangible fact, they find themselves in the predicament of the contemptible hypocrite who has undertaken to transform the Campbell "free love" affair into a case of "Mormon" polygamy. It must be clear to all, that such stupid expeditions would not be resorted to but for the utter lack of honesty as well as, actual facts with which to substantiate the malicious charges made. Do the voters care to follow the lead of liars?

## IRONY OF POLITICS.

Under the significant heading, "The Irony of Politics," a New York contemporary reminds its readers of the remarkable career of Count Witte, the man of the hour in Russia today. It is a fact that his star was actually setting and that oblivion seemed to be his doom, when the disasters of the war made it necessary for the Czar to again turn to him for counsel. His enemies consented to his mission to Portsmouth, in the expectation that he would surely fail and thus forfeit the confidence of the Emperor and the people. But he did not fail. He succeeded beyond even his own most sanguine hopes, and today he is the actual ruler of all the Russias. The Emperor is really the instrument in his hands, by which he executes his plans. Never could a premier with more truth write: "Ego, et rex meus"—I and my king! He has opportunities before him, such as come to but few mortals, and through it all may be seen very plainly the hand of destiny.

A still more radical change has come in the fortunes of Mrs. Witte. When the Czar first conferred upon this man a public office of consequence, some years ago, he made him understand that as far as his social relations with the palace were concerned, he was to consider himself unmarried. That is to say, his wife was never to expect social recognition, because she is a Jewess. And now that lady is a countess, with free access to court circles and the most brilliant functions! And who knows but that she will yet prove the medium through whom the Lord will bring relief to the persecuted and oppressed of her race?

The story of De Witte and his estimable consort is one of those happenings in real life which are so much stranger than fiction. And it is only just commenced. It grows in dramatic interest as it is being unfolded.

## CHINA COMING FORWARD.

It has been customary for some time to refer to China as "awakening," but it would be more correct now to regard that vast empire as "wide awake." It has already sent out commissioners to study the various constitutions of the civilized world, with a view of adopting the best features of all for a constitution for the Chinese. One of these commissioners is in this country, and, according to his statement, China will soon take its place among the constitutional monarchies of the world. He added that Japan had urged China to modernize her laws and join Japan in a strong alliance of the yellow nations in Asia. China is no longer asleep. She has been aroused, and is already actively at work setting her house in order.

Evidences of this fact are numerous. According to all accounts, candidates for offices now must be educated according to modern standards. Foreign teachers are very much in demand. Experiments in popular voting have been made. Last summer, it is reported, the business men and property-holders of Kwang-tung, Human and Hu-peh provinces were invited to express their opinions by vote in public meetings, regarding the purchase of the Hankow-Canton railroad concession from an American syndicate. Hitherto viceroys and other authorities have acted upon their own judgment, without reference to public opinion. In this case, local influence compelled the government to cancel the concession and to purchase all the claims of the concessionaries. It is now proposed that each of the three provinces named, through which the railway passes, shall build its share of the line. And this great change in the affairs of China has taken place without revolution, without bloodshed:

Autocracy is doomed. It has fallen in Russia, and in China—the most formidable strongholds. Turkey should be the next country to hear from. And then—wherever the people are enthroned, they should jealously guard their freedom, lest plutocracy make their slavery more miserable, more intolerable than any former condition of servitude.

BOSTON TRANSCRIPT.

The President's speeches in the south seem to be prompted by the suggestion of the viceroy, who has not been wholly knighted and implemented enough, but nowhere else has he come so directly to the point as he did at Little Rock, Ark. He probably remembered that Governor Jeff Davis, in whose presence he was standing, had proposed sending colored criminals from his State to Massachusetts, and that he was not very strongly opposed to the exercise of mob violence against members of that race for certain revolutions. Perhaps he remembered that a couple of years ago a bishop of that state had said, that while he did not defend lynching, he could "find no other remedy adequate to suppress the crime for which this has been made the punishment by the people of the south," which showed that he did defend it.

REFORMS ARE COMING SO RAPIDLY IN RUSSIA THAT THE MIND CAN SCARCELY GRASP THEIR MEANING. THE GREATEST REVOLUTION OF A CENTURY IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED, IN FACT, ONE OF THE GREATEST REVOLUTIONS IN HUMAN HISTORY.

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OUR RULING CLASS.

NEW ORLEANS PLACEMAN.

EVERY PERSON HAS HIS RULING CLASS. IN THIS COUNTRY THE RULING CLASS IS COMPOSED OF PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS. THE PROFESSIONAL POLITICIAN IS SOMETIMES CAPABLE OF STATESMANSHIP, BUT, WHETHER OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS HE MAY HAVE, HIS FORTS IS PARTY MANAGEMENT. THE SUCCESS OF A PARTY

OF THIS COUNTRY HAS DEVELOPED. AT FIRST THE GROWTH WAS SLOW. IN 1818, A HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE YEARS AFTER THE DUTCH GRANT OF PRIVILEGES, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THERE WERE ONLY 3,600 JEWS IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. THE LATEST ESTIMATES PUT THE JEWISH POPULATION OF THE UNITED STATES AT BETWEEN 1,400,000 AND 1,500,000, OF WHOM 750,000, OR MORE THAN HALF, ARE IN NEW YORK STATE AND 600,000 IN NEW YORK CITY. THIS IS, PERHAPS, THE GREATEST JEWISH POPULATION EVER GATHERED IN ONE CITY. THERE ARE ABOUT EIGHT TIMES AS MANY JEWS IN NEW YORK CITY AS THERE ARE TODAY IN ALL PALESTINE.

ACTIVE PREPARATIONS ARE NOW GOING ON FOR THE COMMEMORATION OF THE OPENING UP OF THIS COUNTRY TO THE JEWS, AND WE HAVE NO DOUBT THE OCCASION WILL BE MADE MEMORABLE.

## THE KNOCKERS KNOCKED.

LOS ANGELES, ALSO, HAS A BIG WATER SCHEME ON HAND, THE QUESTION BEING OF CONDUCTING THE CLEAR FLUID OF A MOUNTAIN STREAM INTO THE CITY. THERE ARE KNOCKERS, TOO, IN LOS ANGELES, AND THESE ARE TRYING TO PLACE EVERY OBSTRUCTION IMAGINABLE IN THE WAY OF THE PLAN.

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, WHICH IS ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THIS QUESTION, ADMINISTRATES THE FOLLOWING REBUKE TO THE KNOCKERS, WHICH IS APPLICABLE TO THE SALT LAKE CITY:

"WHEN THE WATER COMMISSIONER, COMPOSED OF BUSINESS MEN OF THE HIGHEST REPUTATION FOR INTEGRITY, AND WHOSE ACUMEN IN BUSINESS IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT AS WITNESSED BY THEIR SUCCESS IN THE AUTOMOBILE TRADE, TOLD THE CITIZENS OF THIS CITY THAT THEY HAD MADE WHAT THE CITY NEEDED ABOVE ALL ELSE, AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF THE PURTEST WATER, THEN ROSE UP THE KNOCKER IN HIS WEAKNESS AND SHOUTED 'THE GAME ISN'T WORTH THE CANDLE!' HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE MATTER. THE KNOCKER NEVER DOES KNOW. HE DOES NOT NEED TO KNOW, AND HE STUDIOUSLY AVOIDS ENCUMBERING HIMSELF WITH UNNECESSARY BAGGAGE. HIS HAMMER IS HIS WHOLE CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT. HE USED HIS HAMMER WITH ALL THE LITTLE MIGHT HE HAD."

EVERYBODY GOES TO THE POLLS TOMORROW.

THE OUTLOOK ON THE NEVSKY PROSPECT IS BRIGHTER.

AND NOW FINLAND HAS WON HER FREEDOM. NEXT!

NICHOLAS MAY YET BE THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC.

THE CZAR ISN'T NEARLY SO AUTOCRATIC AS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARMOURED CARINES.

PUBLIC OPINION CANNOT BE MOULDED BY TRYING TO RUN IT INTO CASTIRON MOULDS.

JAMES J. HILL HAS Sailed FOR EUROPE. WILL HE TALK TO THE WILD WAVES ON THE WAY?

VOTE FOR SALT LAKE CITY AND HER ADVOCACY. VOTE AGAINST THE "KNOCKER."

THE MAN WHO "KNOCKS" HIS TOWN IS A TRAITOR TO IT. LET NO SUCH MAN BE TRUSTED.

GOVERNOR HOCH OF KANSAS HAS BEEN PAINTED IN OIL. THAT IS FITTING, FOR OIL IS MAKING KANSAS.

PRINCE LOUIS OF BATTENBERG CERTAINLY HAS HAD A VERY BUSY TIME AND IT IS TO BE HOPE THAT A VERY ENJOYABLE ONE ALSO.

TOM L. JOHNSON HAS LAUNCHED A PRESIDENTIAL BOOM FOR GOVERNOR FOLK. IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A STEAM LAUNCH.

CHIEF OF POLICE COLLINS OF CHICAGO WOULD DRAPE ALL NUDE STATUARY. DOES HE ASPIRE TO BECOME THE ANTHONY STOCK OF THE WEST?

THOSE RUSSIAN RIOTERS SEEM TO BE SATISFIED IN THEIR DESIRE FOR SHOOTING. THEY WOULD GET THEIR FILL IF THEY WOULD ONLY SHOOT NIAGARA.

TAMMANY ANTI-HAIRSTON CAMPAIGN POSTAL CARDS HAVE BEEN SUPPRESSED BY THE POSTAL AUTHORITIES. BUT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPRESS TAMMANY.

MILIONAIRE ASTOR HAD TO PAY THE TWO DOLLARS ALIAS TAX WHEN HE LANDED IN NEW YORK. THAT IS THE PRICE THAT THE SYRIAN IMMIGRANT PAYS TO GET IN.

ACCORDING TO GOVERNMENT WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS, CHICAGO HAS CEASED TO BE THE "WINDY CITY." BUT THEN, NO ONE GIVES FULL CREDENCE TO GOVERNMENT WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS.

"WHO SHALL RULE OUR COLLEGES?" ASKS JAMES PHINNEY MONROE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. IT MIGHT BE A GOOD SCHEME TO LET RIGHT-EQUITY RULE THEM FOR A TIME.

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DEPENDS UPON MANY THINGS BESIDES MERELY VOTING. IF ITS EXISTENCE IS TO BE PRESERVED FROM YEAR TO YEAR, IT MUST HAVE COMMITTEES WITH CHAIRMEN, SEC-RETARIES AND OTHER FUNCTIONARIES. IT MUST RAISE SOME MONEY. IT MUST HAVE CANVASSERS AND PUBLIC SPEAKERS, AND SOME DIRECTING AUTHORITY TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CALLS FOR MEN AND GET THE MEN TO ANSWER TOGETHER.