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## FUSION NOT PARTISAN.

From an entirely impartial point of view it appears to us that the question of party preference should not figure in the discussion of the fusion movement. If it is a good movement, and that seems to be the opinion of a majority of the citizens—then the only concern of those who are entrusted with party leadership should be to find the strongest man available. In a non-partisan election partisanship should not be the first consideration. That this is the view of prominent Republicans, as well as others, is evidenced by the fact that they have expressed themselves perfectly willing to endorse such Democrats as John Dorn, or Frank B. Stephens, had either been willing to accept a joint nomination; or even Bransford, had he been willing to become the mayor of the people instead of a party tool. But if this is correct, there should be no difficulty in uniting on Mr. Wallace, who comes as near being a non-partisan in local politics as any man in the City.

We fully agree with the views expressed some time ago by a prominent State official that no party can reap any glory from the management of the City's affairs the next two years. The "American" party leaves the City in a most deplorable condition. Its credit is drawn upon to the limit. It would be party suicide to borrow more money for improvements. The revenue of next year is partly spent on anti-election "improvements" this year. The taxes are high, and cannot be raised. What glory will any party reap while endeavoring to rehabilitate the City financially and morally? The officials who shall undertake to do this will find difficulties to surmount. They will be able to make but slow progress, and they, and their party, will be criticized accordingly by the unthinking voters who do not consider that it will take time to overcome the evil effects of years of extravagance and misrule. Instead of insisting on party preference all parties ought to be thankful when they find a capable, honest business man willing to give the people a business administration which is now the greatest need of the City.

We hope patriotic voters of all parties including the "Americans" will lay aside, this time, their party differences and unite on an administration of which all may be proud. The question whether a candidate belongs to one party or another should cut no figure in an alliance for good City government. We have quoted ex-President Roosevelt on this question. Here is what Justice Gaynor, the Democratic nominee for Mayor in New York, has to say:

"For now these many years, in season and out of season, even with the persistence of Cato calling for the destruction of Carthage, I have taught that national and State politics and issues have nothing to do with city elections, and much as I do not like to say it, we must have parties, but after city nominations are made by them, no national or State issue no question of high or low tariff, or of force to deal with the Philippines, or of instance, should influence any fair and sane mind as to how he should vote. National men and measures for national elections; state men and measures for state elections; city men and measures for city elections."

This is good doctrine.

## OUR BEAUTIFUL CANYONS.

We take pleasure in giving prominent space to the following communication:

"Salt Lake City, October 6, 1909.

"To the Editor: Perhaps you will be kind enough to find space in your paper for a few remarks on the great natural advantages of your city in relation to its having right at its doors some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. I refer particularly to the Emigration canyon, which just at the present time is simply lovely with the autumn foliage. The maples and oaks varying as they do from lightest yellow to deepest crimson, present a spectacle of unequalled beauty. To the descendants of the land of green-hearted men who, telling yearly on their way to the Mecca of their desires, first traveled the canyon—the place and scene should be sacred, and it is a matter of surprise to me that so few apparently seem to recognize either the extreme beauty of the scenery, or the hallowed recollections of the place. Surely now that conference has about finished its labors, some of the descendants of that heroic band will wish to visit the scene."

"A LOVER OF NATURE."  
It is perfectly true that our canyon scenery is wonderful. Its beauties have never been sufficiently advertised to the world, even if appreciated by those who have an eye for the beauties of nature. Some of the natural advantages of Utah has been displayed to the extent that they deserve.

One of the chief reasons of this neglect is the internal dissension that has been raging here ever since the anti-Mormon element became strong enough to make its influence felt. Where internal strife occupied the energy of man, boosting is necessarily neglected, and progress is, consequently, retarded, if not entirely stopped. "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand."

The first settlers, as soon as they had established themselves here, did all in their power to make known to the world the natural advantages of this region. They sent their messen-

gers to all parts of the world, and though these primarily were missionaries with a message of salvation, they spoke of their homes in the mountains and the blessings of a free government to all who would listen to them, and thousands came here to dwell. Cities were built. Public buildings were planned and constructed. Utah grew at a wonderful rate, and this would have continued but for the anti-Mormon bigotry that divided the citizens and made unity of effort in building up impossible. As long as that spirit rules, the natural advantages will be neglected. As long as lies are being spread broadcast from the anti-Mormon center of publicity, and as long as they must be met, our beautiful scenery, our life-giving climate, our inexhaustible resources will not be advertised as they should be, and even if they are, the minds that are filled with prejudices on account of the current falsehoods are not easily opened to anything that can be said in favor of Utah.

What is of most importance here now is to put down that anti-Mormon conspiracy that has no more right under the American flag than anti-Catholicism, and that has no standing under any code of modern morality. When that open sore is healed through the operation of the sound, healthy life-force of the body politic, the Pioneer spirit that made Utah and Salt Lake possible, will again assert itself, and the State will grow and develop rapidly. "Let us have peace even if we have to fight for it," for it is essential to progress.

## AS IT IS IN NEW YORK.

The City of New York presents a warning example of misrule. Under the domination of machine politics improvements are paid for that are never made. The City pays enormously in excess of values for whatever it buys. Pay rolls are padded, and in addition more men are employed than needed. Official investigation has disclosed incompetence in high officials, and even worse.

As a result of misrule taxation in New York is becoming unendurable. Financiers have been warning the city that municipal bankruptcy is threatening, and yet the various city departments ask for increased appropriations to the amount of over \$27,000,000, the total sum asked for being \$184,000,000. Such is the situation in the great metropolis by the coast, as described by impartial newspapers. Does it not read like an exposition of the conditions in Salt Lake, under the present regime, on a smaller scale?

In New York Tammany has been frightened into nominating a man with a clean record. There is a general uprising among the citizens which, it is hoped, may result in placing the administration in good hands for the next two years, and the struggle in New York is being watched all over the country with interest, for the problem of that city is the problem of every American city in which a corrupt gang of politicians has obtained control, usually by the aid of the corrupt element.

## INTO ETERNITY, DRUNK.

"Put in drunkhouse and carried out dead." This is a newspaper head line telling the melancholy story of the end of a human life which, but for drink, might have been very different. The deceased is said to have been connected with the Y. M. C. A. He must have been well educated, for he was about to teach classes in German and Latin. He was an accomplished linguist. But he got drunk. He spent the money for drink. When found on the street, in all probability having been kicked out of the saloon where he had exchanged his money for deadly poison, he was unable to give any information about himself. He was taken to jail, where he fell asleep to wake no more. And this is but one of many sad stories of death and misery caused by drink.

This man evidently drank himself to death. When his case comes up before the bar of Eternal Justice, who will share the responsibility for it? First, the man who sold him the poison. Secondly, the community that licenses that class of business, knowing the ill consequences thereof. That is the plain truth which may as well be told without fear and without effort at palliation.

## OMAHA STRIKE.

Omaha has had a strike. The strikers undoubtedly secured some concessions but the company maintained its position at a tremendous cost.

This is another labor war that illustrates the necessity of legislation compelling arbitration of all disputes between employee and employer. Arbitration is the only possible way of settling such controversies. Strikes do not settle anything. Lockouts and boycotts do not settle anything. Destruction of property does not settle anything. All these are war measures resorted to for the purpose of compelling arbitration. Why, then, not have a law compelling arbitration first? Why not bring about by legal enactment what is now done by the exercise of brute force, sometimes in violation of law? It is certain that if we were more civilized, arbitration of all difficulties both industrial and international would be the rule.

Omaha has suffered from the strike. Its business has suffered. Disputes always mean a loss to the communities in which they occur. There should be some way of adjusting differences without stopping the wheels of industry and inflicting loss upon the public that may be entirely innocent.

## STILL NO EVIDENCE.

The Tribune continues to publish proofs of the infamy of its assertion that murderers of the Prophet Joseph were Church members. On Thursday morning it quoted a Mrs. Salisbury, as follows:

"I was in Nauvoo a few days before my brother was brought to Carthage. I shall never forget that Saturday when I last saw my brother alive. Joseph had preached a sermon to the largest crowd I have ever seen. It was his last sermon. I might say that it was more in the nature of a prophesy than a sermon, for he said, turning on the platform, where he stood, and facing some of the high priests and elders sitting there: 'There are some among you who will betray me soon. In fact, you have plotted to deliver me up to the enemy to be slain.' He was betrayed, and by his own alleged friends."

That, as will be seen, corroborates the statements made by President Brigham Young, Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, and others, to the effect that there were traitors among those who stood near the Prophet. But it does not say that these traitors were the actual murderers, as the Tribune asserts. It has not one iota of evidence for that proposition.

Whether the Tribune realizes the difference between an instigator of a murder and the actual executor of the crime is not clear. But there is a difference. As we have said before, there is little doubt in the minds of those familiar with the history of the Tennessee massacre that that awful crime was caused very largely by an article in the Tribune which was circulated among the ignorant and bigoted murderers of the Elders. But to say this is not to say that Tribune employees actually fired the fatal guns. This should not need any further argument.

That apostates were very largely instrumental in bringing about the Carthage tragedy is admitted. That men near the Prophet were traitors and by their lying accusations excited an excitable mob is not denied. But the assertion of the Tribune that the actual murderers were disguised Church members, is denied, because there is no evidence to sustain the proposition. It is a Tribune falsehood conceived in malice and dictated by hatred. It is a statement worthy of a paper that did not hesitate to lie about the Governor of the State, as a seasoning to its garbled story about the reception given to the President of the Nation.

Are not tube-fed suffragettes liable to tuberculosis?

Mr. Hearst often runs for office but he never catches it.

When a hog grunts it is a sign that it is not disgruntled.

Wheat is so high that only aeroplanists can catch up with it.

Sometimes a literary feast consists in nothing but "chewing the rag."

They nominated Willie Hearst for mayor of New York wiley-niley.

London has a hotel in which no tips are allowed. Are there no waiters there?

Do not count that day lost in which there is no mention made of the North Pole controversy.

In the Marlboro' grove President Taft saw more big sticks than he ever saw in all his life before.

President Taft should give the world something on golf like Isaac Walton gave it on angling.

The real jury fixer is the judge. He fixes in the jurors' minds the law as applied to the facts.

The Citizens' ticket, or a fusion ticket is the thing to rid the city of the political incubus now upon it.

Hailey's comet will pass within 13,000,000 miles of the earth. This is scarcely within speaking distance.

There is a shortage of American teachers in Porto Rico. The proper remedy would be to send some tall ones down.

A little learning is a dangerous thing, especially when one wants to go up for an examination for a civil service appointment.

Colonel Hoyt says that the Moros are not fit for self government. But they have proved that they are quite fit for fight.

The foreign warships that participated in the Hudson-Fulton celebration have departed. Did the parting guests speed?

Judson Harmon for Democratic candidate for President in 1912? Never! Way back in the '90s he wrote a "poem," as fatal a thing as a Mulligan letter.

Prosperity has hit Chicago hard. The salaries of all the officials and employees of that city are to be cut 10 per cent. The trouble is not lack of prosperity but lack of money.

The late Governor Johnson of Minnesota, it is said, left an unpublished manuscript, "The Call of the West," in which he strikes this keynote: "The call of the west is for patriotism and progress, for emancipation from every form of old-world and new-world caste and privilege, from the tyranny of wealth and birth, and alike from the dominion of the trust and the political machine."

It is commonly reported that the so-called American administration is drawing very heavily upon next year's revenues for improvements made now, before the election. This year's taxes have all been expended. The \$600,000 borrowed has been appropriated. But these sums—large for a city of less than a hundred thousand inhabitants—have been found insufficient for party purposes at this time, and so contracts have been made calling for payment out of next year's revenue. That is illegal is the opinion of men conversant with municipal affairs. But anything to have voters employed just before an election.

To the unprovident eye it looks very much as though the meat inspection of this city was all in the interest of the beef trust. The local slaughter-houses are feeling the effects of it, and it is very doubtful if they can continue to get into the local market. Utah beef and pork are just as healthy as Chicago beef and pork and it is not necessary that they should be manipulated by the beef trust to make them so. Compliance with the pure food law should be insisted upon, and to this the honest consumers do not object, but

they do object, and rightly, to such onerous regulation that their business is killed. Give them and the public a square deal. Both are entitled to it.

## SOUTH AFRICAN CORN.

Omaha Bee.  
A fact of deep significance to the corn trade of the world is the rapid increase in exports of corn from South Africa. It is not long since that South African farmers began to realize the possibilities of corn growing and the great value of the grain in the markets of the world. Soil and climate are particularly favorable to the growth of the cereal, and the product is said to be the finest quality. This year's crop is unusually large, and the country expects to export 2,000,000 tons by the end of the year. So great is the output that the Natal railroad is overwhelmed with consignments to the seaports. Experiments in corn growing are being made in the Transvaal. Trained American students from Tuskegee Institute were sent to Abyssinia at the request of King Menelik, and are directing agricultural work among the natives, giving special attention to corn growing. These distant developments are encouraging and calculated to make corn growers in the United States sit up and take notice. Evidently the middle west is not to have a monopoly on the cereal king, but the old New World will have to travel far before it becomes a serious rival.

Police Women in the West.  
St. Paul Dispatch.  
The cities of the west are never afraid of innovations. This is one explanation of the existence of policewomen in Portland and Seattle. The other explanation must be found in the fact that these cities have discovered that policewomen are needed in the business of maintaining order and solving problems of order in the large cities. The old theory that men are the criminals and must be policed by men, is giving way before the fact that there do appear from time to time women criminals, and especially before the fact that women can be saved before crime fixes them permanently as its possession. In Portland there is a woman on the police force who has done efficient work in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association—another vital factor in large towns in the ordering of the city. She had also accomplished much as a probation officer. Having served her term in these, the woman was ready when Portland decided that it required a policewoman. She is a regular member of the department, with the same recognition shown to men. In Seattle there is also a policewoman, although her appointment is temporary—during the Alaska-Yukon Exposition. In all probability, however, Seattle will find this one policewoman of such value that she will be retained.

USE FOUND FOR LAVA.  
Portland Oregonian.  
The railway survey south from Bend has now reached the lava fields, distant some eight miles up the Deschutes. It has just become known that this lava, which has hitherto been regarded as entirely useless, will supply the very best of ballast for the new road, and will probably be used as the main central stretch of the line. Not only will it fill this purpose excellently well, but contrary to the belief that has previously existed, obtaining it will be an economical task. The experts declare that no shooting will be necessary, but that a steam shovel will be able to scoop up the half disintegrated rock and dump it into cars, practically prepared by nature for its new field of activity. If such be the case, it is the very first time that the lava has ever served a useful purpose, according to the people who have had most to do with it, for hitherto it has been classed as a nuisance akin to coyotes and other pestful productions of nature.

VITALITY OF PROHIBITION.  
Malinda Bolton in Leslie's Weekly.  
The person who would say that the Prohibition party has done nothing to entitle it to a place in history is fast asleep. It has lived longer than did the Liberty, the Free Soil, the Know-Nothing, the Greenback and the Populist parties taken together, and they were the best known and most powerful of all our minor political organizations. For twice as many years as passed between the birth and the death of the Whig party, which sent William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor to the White House, and which had Webster, Clay, Fillmore, Everett, Bell and Crittenden for leaders, it has been with us. It has participated in twice as many presidential campaigns as the Federalist organization—the party of Washington, Adams, John Jay, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney and Rufus King. Alone of all the parties which have figured in American politics, the Prohibition party, unlike the Anti-Masonic, the Know-Nothing, the Populist parties, the Prohibitionists never received an electoral vote. Unlike these, as well as the Free-Soil and the Greenback parties, they never elected any of their candidates to Congress.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER  
By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.  
That some very poor people die on account of improper and insufficient food is undoubtedly true; but many more people die from eating too much than from eating too little; vastly more from excess than from starvation. So as to clothing, many shiver from want of defence against the cold; but many more are suffering among the rich from absurd and criminal modes of dress which fashion has sanctioned than among the poor from insufficient clothing. Our daughters are often brought to the grave by their rich attire than our beggars by their nakedness. So the poor are often overworked, for they suffer less than many among the rich who have no work to do no interesting object to fill up life to satisfy the infinite cravings of man for action. Envy and satiety, miseries unknown to the poor, are more intolerable than the weariness of excessive toil or the pangs of hunger.

There is more true benevolence exhibited by the poorest than the wealthiest classes. If you are poor you may still be rich in the possession of a big soul, a kind heart and a philosophic, cheerful temperament. There are martyrs that miss the pain, but not the stake; there are heroes without the laurel, and conquerors without the triumph.

JUST FOR FUN.  
Two Guesses.  
"There is a man who does not care how many tears he may cause," said the emotional citizen. "He takes no count of the brightest hopes with which his pathway may be strewn, but—"

"Cut it short, old man," interrupted the busy person. "What is he, a baseball umpire or a customs inspector?"—Washington Post.

Coming Easy.  
Mrs. Gramercy—What in your mind put the idea of a divorce in your head?  
Mrs. Park—I've been so happy here in the country with the cherry tree, my husband sends me regularly five sure living on alimony must be the ideal existence.—Brooklyn Life.

Hawksbay Outdone.  
Her Father (sternly)—Genevieve, you

are engaged to some young man.  
Herself—Oh, father, how did you discover my secret?  
Her Father—The gas bill for the last quarter is suspiciously small.—Judge.

Limitation.  
Man wants but little, so they say.  
And this 'tis safe to pray for.  
The shops won't let you get away  
With more than you can pay for.  
—Washington Star.

Very Considerate.  
Lady (to nursemaid)—Don't let the children sit on the wet grass, nurse; they might catch cold. If they are tired, sit on the grass yourself and take them on your knee.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Wasted.  
"Johnny, did you have a good vacation at that little lake resort?"  
"No, sir. Maw wouldn't let me go swimming, and she made me take a cold bath every mornin'."—Chicago Tribune.

Adam's Excuse.  
His Wife—This paper says that a man's hair turn gray five years earlier than a woman's does.  
Her Husband—If it does, I'll bet a woman is the cause of it.—Chicago News.

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