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THE CHRISTMAS "NEWS."

To speak with point and proper emphasis of progressing Utah is a complex and always a difficult task. The development of our State is, however, sure and so definite that no one can forestall it, nor any human influence set it seriously at naught. Much of our growth is unconscious, coming quietly and producing social revolutions without the least flare of trumpets or show of banners.

on each page, and initiated paragraph letters. It is dedicated to the author's mother, with whom he states he has "always wished to couple a remembrance" with some of his works. AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS. Prof. Stewart's brief but pointed explanation...

1. Prof. Stewart's letter appeared in Friday's "News." The gist of his thought is contained in the answer given to question number two, in relation to the place in the school curriculum which agricultural instruction should occupy.

2. We regard the subject of agriculture entitled to a place in the high school curriculum as an independent subject, but in the elementary schools we think it should be a supplemental part of the science work taught now given.

Upon this proposition, there will probably be comparatively little difference of opinion, and that little will consist mainly as to the relative amounts of agricultural study or practice that should be allotted respectively to the common and the high schools; for that this subject should be in some way provided for in the public school system is at present very generally admitted.

A WORD IN REPLY.

The Tribune had a characteristic outburst on Friday against the "News," and its trouble has continued ever since. We stated, in substance, the day previous that the infamous stockade proposition was first officially recognized by a so-called "American" police chief.

It is true that the Tribune on the 22nd of January, this year, commented on that report and its infamous recommendation, but it is also true—and this our irascible contemporary neglected to state the other day—that its adverse criticism was confined entirely to the municipal ownership idea of the chief. It had no word of condemnation for the stockade plan itself.

"The Salt Lake public read yesterday morning with a gasp of amazement the extraordinary recommendation made by Captain Burbridge, through Chief Pitt, with respect to the control of vice and disorder in this city. The indecent proposition for Salt Lake City, as a corporation, to engage in the keeping of bawdy houses, building and providing the same for the occupation of the fallen women, was a recommendation so absolutely grotesque and impossible as to be asounding in its hardness and lack of common decency and moral perception, to say nothing of common sense.

As will be seen from the text of the article, the Tribune did not condemn the Chief's stockade proposition. It objected to making the City, AS A CORPORATION, the keeper of the bad houses. That is all. The Tribune has not to our knowledge, changed its views on the question of saloons and brothels.

SALARY OR NO SALARY.

Editor Deseret News.—I have just read your editorial in your issue of the 11th, "Salary or No Salary." The controlling thought after reading the same is, what an awful struggle it seems to be to find an honest man! I have been deeply interested in this question since I evolved into the light and as I grew in powers of observation, the awful fact has been forced upon me against my will, that the "my-word-is-my-bond" sort of men are few and far between, and that we as a race are just growing in integrity.

The thought is still worse, and impressed more forcibly on one's mind, when he thinks of the supposed civilizing influences which have been in operation for so many thousands of years. It surely is discouraging to the few honest thinkers and honest men who dwell somewhere on God's green earth.

To be optimistic does not mean that we shall give our eyes to the depressed and wretched life all about us. Our penitentiaries, jails, insane asylums, reform schools are all crowded, and we are now originating judicial fathers known as juvenile courts to act instead of parents who have lost control of their young, and men are now seeking these jobs in political selfishness.

Large population and big membership in cities and in society seems to be the greatest "want," not quality, not true manhood. Our shelves are filled with books of laws and our country is swarmed with lawyers, judges, and policemen riding in automobiles and living on the fat of the land.

At the slightest suggestion we run to the capital and frame a new law, and the people are left in care of a policeman's club. To stop whisky drinking and gambling, we aim to kill by public clamor the saloonkeeper, but not a thought of which I suggested.

St. Louis Times. One of the few distinctly interesting points of the President's latest message touched the country's forestry and the dangers that are certain to follow its disappearance. We are all familiar, of course, with the usual theoretical thought on this subject, but it remained for the President to bring forward practical examples, together with description and photographs.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. There is an unpleasant suggestion of militarism in the practical recommendation that rifle practice be encouraged among school boys. He would teach the youth of school age how to handle a rifle, presumably to increase their efficiency as potential soldiers.

Pittsburg Gazette. The most important section of this message deals with the railroad, the most unique part discusses labor and its participation in the recent campaign, and the subject around which we may expect the fiercest controversy to rage is that of the judiciary.

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The fellow who drinks it—including the clamorous. Dishonesty, foolishness, gambling, ruzzling and debauchery will cease when people really think, understand, and appreciate the higher and nobler life of humane, intellectual manhood. Salary, or no salary, is not the issue. A scrub is not to be put on a throne or in a hovel. A man will be a man with or without a salary. To a real man who lives in the light, darkness is no temptation.

A thinking man never exchanges higher values for lower values. He never sells nobility of character for smiles and a mess of pottage, though his body may crave the food. Honest men are seldom petted or praised by the community; they have to swim up stream, but after all they hold the world in place and their hands are not out of their pockets.

The few who are developed on to the plain of honesty should continually urge the establishment of schools for old and young in every city and town. Children should be employed in every college and as soon as reasoning honest men can be found they should be given bed and board so that their minds may be free to teach and develop of parents who have lost control of their young, and men are now seeking these jobs in political selfishness.

Pat Crowe has turned evangelist. Otherwise Pat Crowe has turned another trick. Chicago is to have six weeks' revival services. This is to offset the effect of "Three Weeks."

Revision of the rules of the House is about to become as pressing a question as revision of the tariff. The greatest collector of the port of New York or of the United States is J. Pierpont Morgan.

If Rufo's sentence is as long relatively as his trial was, it will not be less than life imprisonment. The awakening of China will be announced by the yell of those who are in constant fear of the yellow peril.

Let those who would depose Speaker Cannon remember that a House divided against itself cannot stand. That Venezuelan guardship that the Dutch warship Gelderland seized was a sort of smart Alix. Castro is also.

While in France Castro has to bottle up his wrath. He can scarcely get it into a carboy, he is so full of it. Germany has just launched an 18,000-ton warship, the Posen. Now England will have to launch two just to maintain her two-power standard.

Any man who can manage to live four years in the White House will live in history though he may not have such spacious and elegant apartments there. Whoever would have believed that in Paris Castro would have led the simple life? But he did, "owing to circumstances over which he had no control."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Louisville Herald. If Theodore Roosevelt had done nothing more than to humanize Presidential messages, his seven years of service as President would have been well spent. Of late our Presidents had fallen into the habit of writing their annual messages in a dry-as-dust style, and he who was forced to read found mostly meaningless generalities, platitudes and unintelligible masses of figures. Roosevelt has changed all that and his latest message is a model. It is written in a style that would grace the page of magazines or newspaper, and it deals with things which his countrymen ought to know about.

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