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THE END IN VIEW.

During the campaign now entered
upon for the municipal election, it is
to be hoped that our friends will keep
cool and avoid actions and expressions
that they may subsequently regret.
There have been some severe disap-
pointments, and antagonistic feelings
have run high and sometimes wild, and
criminations and recriminations have
been freely hurled back and forth.
These will accomplish no real good,
and if they have been necessary as a
safety valve, the steam has been let
off and the noise should cease.This, however, need not hinder legiti-
mate and active work. The large ma-
jority of our citizens know what they
want and what they object to. They
are honest and honorable, and if they
do not agree as to men or to policies
they can differ in a gentlemanly way
and express their opinions effectually
at the polls. They have a right also
to combine for the accomplishment of
that which they deem best for the
government of the city.All that can be done without resorting
to the tactics of low and vulgar par-
tisanship. There is no necessity for
scurrility, abuse, falsehood, misrep-
resentation or trickery of any kind.
Bribery and corruption are talked
about freely, and charges are bruited
abroad which, if true, ought to be
brought home to the criminals and
they should be fitly punished. We hope
they will be fastened where they be-
long or be exposed as "hot air." The
improper use of money in this election
we believe will be found dangerous in
this contest. It ought to prove disas-
trous to those who undertake it and
those who are the recipients.The object in view of all respectable
citizens should be the election of office
of good and wise men, who can be de-
pendent upon to work for the public in-
terest rather than private ambition, the
purposes of jobbery, the reward of party
hirelings, or the schemes of any person,
clique or combination. The public
welfare, the rational progress of our
city, and the acquirement of every fac-
ility to meet municipal necessities and
the comfort, convenience, health and
protection of the inhabitants, of all
classes, parties and persuasions, should
be kept in view, and every citizen
should vote freely for the accomplish-
ment of those righteous purposes.

THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

The Italian monarch and his consort
have just left Paris, where they have
spent an enjoyable time. The hope was
entertained, when the visit was first
planned, that it would result in an
agreement to formulate a treaty of arbi-
tration between the two countries, simi-
lar to that now existing between Great
Britain and France. The future
will reveal whether this hope is to be
realized, or not. Only this much is evi-
dent now, that the king was much
pleased with his reception in France.
In his farewell address, he referred to
the time when Frenchmen and Italians
fought side by side, and this ex-
pression cannot but be regarded as sig-
nificant.The arbitration treaty between Great
Britain and France is concluded for
five years, and provides that differences
of a judicial order, or such as relate
to the interpretation of treaties exist-
ing between the two contracting parties,
which may arise between them and
which it may not be possible to settle
by means of diplomacy, shall be sub-
mitted to the permanent court of arbi-
tration established at The Hague, pro-
vided that the matter to be arbitrated
does not involve either vital interests
or the independence or honor of the two
contracting states and that they do not
affect the interests of a third power. A
similar treaty between France and Italy
would materially aid in the establish-
ment of cordial relations between the
two nations.It is worth while noticing that the
influences that work for peace in the
world are more active than ever. Ahopeful tone pervades the addresses
made at the recent peace conference at
Lake Mohonk, where Hon. John W.
Foster presided. At that conference one
of the speakers, Benjamin F. True-
blood, referred to the fact that a strong
movement is taking place in the French
Chamber of Deputies, which must re-
sult in the strengthening of the cause
of international arbitration. It has
taken the form of an association which
calls itself the International Arbitration
Group. It is headed by M. d'Est-
ournelles de Constant, one of the
French members of The Hague court.
No less than 250 members of the
French legislature have joined this so-
ciety, the sole purpose of which is to
promote international arbitration. The
society will give special attention to ar-
bitration treaties between France and
other countries, and it will co-operate
with similar associations that may be
formed by members of other legisla-
tures.It is evident that such a society will
be in a position to do a vast amount of
good in the cause of peace, and it is
not improbable that the arbitration
treaty between Great Britain and France
and whatever overtures there
have been between France and Italy on
the arbitration subject, are the direct
results of the efforts of that associa-
tion.

AS TO IRRIGATION.

Some time ago we noticed a predi-
ction said to have been made by a gov-
ernment official, to the effect that irri-
gation of arid lands would result in the
alkalization of such lands, until
vegetation became extinct. The propo-
nator declared that many farms had
been abandoned because of the alkali
rising in the soil. He referred to an-
cient Babylon as an illustration of
destruction by means of irrigation; and
said that "the valley of the Nile has es-
caped because there takes place there
every year a thorough flooding, which
washes down through the lowest depths
of the soil and cleanses it of all salts
that are obnoxious."Secretary Wilson does not anticipate
any such dire results of irrigation. He
says that the alkali problem has been
studied for years, and that it has been
proved that under drainage and irri-
gation flooding will reclaim the worst
lands. He adds: "Theoretically this
has been known for a long time, but
we have gone to work in a number of
instances in Utah, California, Arizona
and other western points and have
practically demonstrated the propo-
sition. The department scientists have
studied our alkali conditions of typical
irrigated districts covering over three
million acres of land."The secretary of the National Irriga-
tion Association also takes issue with
the prophet of disaster. He says that
the Nile valley has not escaped alkali-
zation; that large tracts have been
abandoned for years because of an ex-
cess of alkali, but that science is now
reclaiming these lands for agriculture.
There is a great deal of land of this
character in lower Egypt, and its re-
clamation is progressing with success,
and at a profit.People who have lived in regions
where irrigation is a necessity have no
misgivings as to the result. They have
seen the waste places redeemed, and
they know something about the won-
ders performed through that means.
The intermountain region of this coun-
try is a sufficient reply to all arguments
against irrigation.

DOES IT FLY?

The announcement from San Fran-
cisco that Dr. August Greth has solved
the problem of air navigation, will be
received with reservation, owing to the
fact that he fell down in the water
and had to be rescued by the crew of a
lifeboat. It is explained, however,
that for some reason the engine did
not develop the power it was calculated
to furnish, and that this defect made
it impossible for the inventor to force
his ship against the currents. If this is
true, a more powerful engine will be
provided, and air navigation will be a
fact. Dr. Greth's airship appears to be
built on the same principle as that of
the Brazilian aeronaut who for some
time amused Paris at the risk of his
life. It is different from Langley's,
which is constructed on the aeroplane
principle, but which, so far, has re-
fused to ascend to higher regions.
Neither type appears to be perfectly
successful. In all probability the fu-
ture airship will be a combination of
the two types—a conveyance in which
the weight is neutralized somewhat by
gas, and which is propelled by suitable
means. The bird must be the model
of the airship, as the fish has been the
model of the ocean racer.

FAITH CURE CRIMINAL.

It is a notable coincidence, that the
court of appeals in New York has de-
clared a Dowdell "faith cure" crim-
inal, just as the Chicago claimant
opens his crusade against the great
commercial metropolis. It is one of
the coincidences, behind which a plan
seems to be concealed.The case was one against a pro-
fessed follower of Dowdell, who had been
sentenced to pay a fine of \$500, or to
spend five hundred days in jail. He
was tried early in 1901 for criminal
neglect in failing to provide a licensed
physician to attend his sixteen-months-
old adopted daughter in a case of
pneumonia, which afterward proved
fatal. He had called in a faith healer,
whose efforts were unsuccessful. The
conviction was secured under the
penal code, which holds that "a person
who omits without lawful excuse to
perform a duty by law imposed upon
him, to furnish food, clothing, shelter,
or medical attendance to a minor, is
guilty," etc. The defense was that
such attention as the "faith healer"
gave, is "medical attendance." The
court of appeals took a different
view. The case is one that has created
much interest throughout the country.
It must have special interest to those
who, on conscientious grounds, refuse
to call in physicians in cases of sick-
ness. The court did not touch upon
any metaphysical, or theological ques-
tion involved. The opinion says: "Sit-
ting as a court of law for the purpose
of construing and determining the
meaning of statutes we have nothingto do with variances in religious belief,
and have no power to determine which
is correct. We place no limitations
upon the power of the mind over the
body, or the power of faith to dispel dis-
ease, or the power of the Supreme Be-
ing to heal the sick. We merely de-
clare the law as given us by the legis-
lature."There is much unnecessary confusion
in the minds of people regarding re-
called "faith-cures." Genuine faith
employs all the legitimate means with-
in reach for the gaining of a purpose.
It "seeks" in order to find. If it wants
the door of adversity opened, it
"knocks." It is not confined to prayer
alone. A David arms himself in the
best possible manner, when he goes
against the giant. Paul prescribes "a
little wine" for a certain ailment. The
course of faith in any given emergency
is consistent, rational, true. Faith is
never irrational. This is often forgot-
ten, and so experienced and skilled
assistance in cases of sickness is
spurned, while the incantations per-
haps of charlatans are sought, and
dearly paid for. That may be permis-
sible when one's own life alone is im-
periled, but it can surely not be defend-
ed when other persons may be in-
volved.

DANGEROUS COMBS.

Attention is called to the danger of
using toilet articles made of celluloid.
A contributor to the Medical Press and
Circular says on this subject:"It has long been known that dress-
ing-combs and other articles of like na-
ture have been manufactured from a
modification of gun cotton. From time
to time we have pointed out the possi-
bility of accident from the use of an
article containing such an ingredient,
but comparatively few cases of accident
have hitherto been recorded. Now it ap-
pears that the original patent having
expired, a vast number of imitation
processes have sprung up and the pub-
lic are flooded with combs made from
gun-cotton compounds by methods
which render them more dangerous
than those prepared under the original
patent. That some restriction should
be placed on its indiscriminate use was
proved by the recent case of a girl,
twenty-two years of age, who was suf-
fering from cellulitis of the scalp, ac-
companied by a marked degree of ner-
vous shock. It appeared that her head
had been set on fire by a sudden com-
bustion of a comb which she wore in
her hair. Cooking her father's dinner
on Sunday she happened to bend down
before the fire, when the comb suddenly
ignited, and she became enveloped in
flames. Her life was only spared
through the presence of mind of her
father, who immediately enveloped her
with the heavy rug and so extinguished
the conflagration. Obviously, seeing
that the mere storage of gun cotton is
restricted by heavy penalties, it is not
fair or safe that makers should be per-
mitted to place a slightly modified but
actively dangerous modification on the
market, to be used by a section of the
public who have not the slightest no-
tion of its composition and dangers."

Can "Boss" Platt boss Mrs. Platt?

The bartenders have organized. Their
products disorganize.Once again is Crescens king of the
turf. Long live Crescens!See that your name is on the regis-
tration list, then go ahead.John Alexander Dowle calls himself
"Elijah the Restorer." Hair restorer?It will be as impossible to convert
New York in a day as it was to build
Rome in one.The Russo-Japanese negotiations are
at a standstill; with the troops of both
nations marking time.In the matter of the Panama canal it
is now known what Colombia wants—
it is the whole hog or none.If Professor Langley would learn to
make flying machines fly, let him go
west and grow up with the country.While the office should seek the man
the man is always expected to do his
part. And he sometimes overdoes it.Here is good news for the "rubber
necks." The importations of crude rub-
ber for last year were fifty million
pounds."Our Lady of Snow" has got quite
heated over the decision in the Alaskan
boundary case. And yet she is not in
a melting mood.If any one doubts that we are be-
coming a great military nation, let him
read the accounts of those terrible bat-
tles now raging at Fort Riley.A lost Gainsborough has been found
in Denver. If thorough search of that
city is made the missing arms of the
Venus of Milo may yet be discovered.Our knoxious morning contemporary
has dropped its "bargain" bugaboo,
and now exhibits great dread of
"horns." No wonder, after wringing
so much between both horns of that
appointment dilemma.A San Francisco man has succeeded
in making a flying machine that flies.
This is not so remarkable when it is
remembered that San Francisco is a
good deal of a "fly" town."Great Salt Lake is full of asphaltum.
In this respect it differs from most of
Chicago's downtown streets," says the
Record-Herald. And it also differs in
this respect from some of Salt Lake
City's asphalt-paved streets, particularly
Main street.Every fruit-grower in the State
should give heed to the instructions of
the State Board of Horticulture and
carry them out strictly. Spraying, as
directed, will prove the redemption of
our orchards from the ravages of the
pests that infect them.Dowle at his first great meeting in
New York became petulant and angry,
forgetting that "he that is slow to an-
ger is better than the mighty; and he
that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh
a city." And he hasn't taken the
city either as yet.By refusing to sign the Alaskan
boundary arbitration decision, and
leaving the cabinet room so as not to
witness the signing, the Canadian com-
missioners, Aylestone and Jette, acted
very little like diplomats.

The Russians seem to be very an-

gry because the United States has con-
cluded a treaty for the making of a free
port of Mukden. There is no cause for
such anger nor does the conclusion of
the treaty mean any desire to thwart
Russia's aim. But that great coun-
try since it has reached the Pacific by
rail, can no more be a closed and her-
mit empire than could China. The
United States by the conclusion of this
treaty has done Russia much such a
service as Commodore Perry did Japan.

IN THE FAR EAST.

New York Mail and Express.
Russia's cynicism in proclaiming the
lapse of the Manchurian convention with
China, and putting on China the blame
of the annexation of Manchuria
—for that is what it amounts to—
astonishes the world today. And yet it
ought not to astonish. The seizure of
the Amur River, at the very moment
when Europe was holding up Russia's
European advance at Sebastopol, and
the subsequent descent upon the plains
of central Asia were not a whit less
cynical. Russia's march toward un-
frozen harbors on the Pacific has been
made bit by bit, with one clear and co-
herent purpose, but with a great vari-
ety of pretexts, all insincere.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The Japanese now will have to
attack and put her out of Manchuria
if they expect to accomplish anything.
The campaign will therefore be de-
fensive for the Russians, and their navy
would have to serve chiefly for coast
defense. For service of this kind there
would be no such need of numbers as
in the case of an attacking nation. Ja-
pan would need all of her ships and
Russia would have sufficient if she con-
tents herself with defensive tactics.
With this view of the situation the pre-
ponderance of belief must be that Rus-
sia would win. The Japanese can fight
hard, and scientifically, but Russia's
power is tremendous, and she cannot be
worried into exhaustion by a nation
which will have to transport her fight-
ing strength by water to the point of
attack.

Chicago News.

As an aid to a correct understanding
of the situation in the far east not only
during the present crisis but in what
ever developments may arise in the
future the expression of a Japanese
high official in an interview with the
Daily News correspondent at Tokyo
yesterday is worth keeping in mind.
"Japan," said this official, "will un-
flinchingly uphold its Monroe doctrine.
Any infringement of the political or ter-
ritorial integrity of Korea by a foreign
power that invites the ultimate destruc-
tion of our country cannot be tolerat-
ed."

Los Angeles Times.

The belief is expressed, in a dispatch
from Berlin, that war, should it occur,
would be between Russia and Japan
alone, and that neither England nor
France would be involved." This be-
lief, it would seem, rests upon a rather
uncertain foundation, in view of the ex-
isting alliance between England and
Japan, on the one hand, and France and
Russia on the other. A London dis-
patch takes a rather pessimistic view
of this phase of the difficulty, declaring
that "only the most sanguine persons
believe that, in the event of hostilities,
they could be kept within the limits
which would free Great Britain from
her obligation to support her Japanese
ally."

San Francisco Call.

This issue, of such interest to man-
kind, finds only little Japan playing Da-
vid to the Northern Goliath. Nowhere
around the horizon is there a sign of
support to the insular empire. The con-
test seems so unequal as to excite the
world's pity. Otherwise there is no
sign of emotion. Russia's volume of
deceptions, her often broken faith, her
multiplied duplicities, have not even ex-
cited the indignation of the govern-
ment she has deceived. It is slowly
seems as if Fate had come armed from
the North to foreclose on the hopes of
the world.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The University of Utah Chronicle for
October 12 is a bright number. The
Chronicle is edited by University stu-
dents, and reflects great credit on that
institute of learning.The frontispiece of Frank Leslie's
Weekly for Oct. 15 is a full-page por-
trait of Governor Morrison of Idaho,
and his family. The number has an
interesting illustrated article on Idaho
and its vast resources. There are many
other features of timely interest.—New
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