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IN THE MAYOR'S ABSENCE.

It was really a mean trick of the manipulators of the "American" party counclimen to make them issue a new statement of necessary improvements, and pledging themselves to this revised schedule, in the absence of the Mayor, Only a few weeks ago the Mayor, with all the gravity and dignity of the situation, called upon leading citizens to meet him and discuss with him the proposed bond issue. He assured them that \$62,000 was needed for an relationship last but twenty-five years, aqueduct on North Temple street; the manipulators of the city council, in the absence of the Mayor, solemnly adds \$3,000 to this item, without any further explanation. The Mayor assured deed, they should ask for a complete the citizens who met in his office that \$\$3,000 was needed for the completion of the intercepting sewer, pumping station, and outlet pipe; the manipulators of the city council, with the generosity of soul peculiar to them, scorn a paltry \$83,000 and declare that nothing less than \$125,000 will answer their purposes. The item of \$20,000 asked for in the Mayor's estimate, for cleaning a ditch of weeds, has been lumped with other items and made part of the round sum of \$200,000. How much more than \$20,000 the aforementioned manipulators need for cleaning that ditch, does not appear, but it must be considerably more, since their modesty will not permit them to speciin this instance. It is a shame to take advantage of the absence of the Mayor and discredit the specifications submitted to the public by him. Whatever adverse criticism the Mayor's estimate may have meritedand it was peculiar enough-leaders of the plunderbund are not proper critics. The purpose of this second estimate is, very plainly, not to give the citizens a true estimate of needed improvements, but to secure votes by falso promises. It promises to spend \$60,000 in this part of the City, \$100,000 in another part, \$50,000 in still another part, and so on. But there is absolutely no guarantee that those sums will be spent as promised. No specifications have been made or submitted to the people. It is all guesswork. It is a bid for votes. When the votes are obtained, and the money procured, the voters are helpless, and their money will, undoubtedly, be squandered. The pledge of the council does not

amount to anything. The majority of that body is in the hands of a selfappointed gang whose words and pledges are worth very little. Under that regime the public funds have been squandered; rewards have been lavishly bestowed upon party tools; citizens have been swindled in the matter of public improvements; false pre tenses have taken the place of truth

out at an exorbitant price to saloon keepers and managers of brothels. The people on the west side have as much right to the protection of the law againsht such an imposition, as the residents of Brigham street have. And the courts, we believe, if appealed to. would give the protection that seems to be needed against some City officials.

ICELAND.

Some time ago a step taken by the Icelanders was hailed as the birth of a new nation. That will be true, provided the Danish parliament agrees to the proposition of the dependency. The Icelanders, ever passionately libertyloving and progressive, once the guardians of northern civilization and the pioneers in world exploration, ask for complete homerule under the Danish

king. They ask that Iceland be placed in its relations to Denmark where Norway was in its relations to Sweden before the severance of relations with the "King of Den-Bernadotie dynasty. mark and Iceland" will be the new titfe of the Danish monarch, if the proposition is carried through. The joint commission of members of the Danish rigsdag and Icelandic Althing has reported favorably, and if the report is adopted the king will concern himself with the regulation of the foreign relations of the island only. In every other respect Iceland will control her own affairs. The proposition is that the new and then come up for revision. At the end of that period the wishes of the islanders will not differ substantially from those expressed today, unless, inseparation with the view of establish

ing a republic. In 1871 King Christian IX proclaimed a constitution for Iceland and established the Althing, giving this Icelandic legislature power to make laws, control the taxes for internal expenditures, and supervise the administration of the island. But this was not satisfactory, because the governing minister resided in Copenhagen. Until 1892, a vigorous but unsuccessful campaign for a greater degree of home rule was carried on in the Althing, which, under the leadership of Professor Gudmundson, repeateoly by resolution demanded a revision of the constitution. After the fall of the Conservative government in Denmark in that year, Denmark surrendered. A new Althing, comprising two houses of fourteen and twenty-six members, was constituted, resting upon a wider suffrage basis. It was agreed, too, that the minister in charge must be an Icelander, and reside permanently on the island. Hannes Hofstein, the first Icelander thus appointed, is the leading spirit in the Island today.

Iceland was settled by men who fled from Norway to escape what they considered oppression there. They wrung a living from the barren soil of the island and the turbulent waters of the ocean, and gave birth to a strong, sturdy race, who established free government, trial by jury and the respect of individual rights nearly three centuries before the people of England secured the magna charta. They pro-fessed Christianity almost a century before the rest of Europe turned from paganism. They had a literature when most of the learning of the world was confined to a limited few. They had a republican form of government almost ten centuries ago. They have today good schools and love good literature. They are a morally pure people. Many of

them have taken up their abode in this country, where they, as a rule, make good citizens.

WHY NOT COW.PEAS?

thrown into the scratching shed instantly makes every hen busy and gives the exercise that is so important a factor in health and egg produc-

Cow peas, the bulletins inform us, should not be sown until the ground is thoroughly warm and no more cold weather is to be feared, say from the middle of May, and they can be sown up to the first of July. The Whippoorwill variety is the most generally planted when seed is wanted and the Clay for vine. It has been noticed that late sown peas always make the best and most seed for the reason that they do not make so much vine.

WHAT IS NEWS?

Opinions on what constitute essen tial, or even important, features of a news items differ. The evening appendix of the anti-Mormon organ proved this in its story the bank robbery. It deof voted several thousand printer's ems to a description of an automobile used by its journalist to secure the story, tells how it lost no time in getting at the facts in the case, tells how angry William Nelson was when he signed his name to his bank's paper, what kind of clothes he wore and how he devoured a tongue sandwich-and then. the most thrilling part of all, how the return trip to this city was negotiated in seventeen minutes. Incidentally, the paper mentions that William Nelson vas arrested for robbing a bank of \$106,250 and that it happened the same day that the thrilling ride to Bingham Junction in the fastest automobile in Salt Lake was made, and the quickest arrest in the world's history was effected. That is its idea of news.

All the Deseret News did, was to have newspapermen-competent reporters, not a story writer or word painter -work on the robbery "story," collect all the details of the case from its start to the arrest write the story and turn it in to the editor, and then to the composing room and the pressroom. The "News" furnished its readers with the facts connected with the bank robbery five hours ahead of its competitor. It did not deem it worth while to paint in pretty phrases a picture of how a "News" reporter was in Bingham Junction several hours before the wonderful automobile arrived; nor did it deem if important to say that he got there by the unromatic and conventional train. It was considered immaterial to the story itself that the "News" by exerclsing a little enterprise, succeeded in collecting the material furnished to its readers in its first edition early enough to make that edition possible. The "News" does not believe that the

newspaper-reading public wants to know how the dime-novel journalist accomplishes the wonders he does put into the minds of the newspaper world. It will, therefore, continue to furnish the public the news of the day, and not romances of automobilic journalism into which is cleverly woven descriptions of the wardrobe of persons in the public eye and their favorite table pastimes.

There are no longer any Iowa ideas.

People are just Troup-ing to Lincoln, Neb. Boosting the bond issue is simply boosting the city's debt higher.

When it comes to spelling, Cleveland is a spell-binder.

An indictment has been found but the money has not been found People with nothing else to do

the cuckoo?

night riders.

real pleasure.

s Sullivan

any money.

Nor is it sufficient to say, as does the Yale coach, that the Yale stroke was of a highly nervous temperament. That does not explain why No. 4 collapsed an one time and No. 3 also showed signs of distress. There ought to be a very careful inquiry by the Yale nu-thorities, for the sending of a crew to the post when unfit physically is but little short of a crime. The whole mat-ter will renew the discussion as to, whether four miles is not too long for a contest between boys.

THE HONESTY OF PRESIDENTS.

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New York World. New York World. Grover Cleveland was reputed to be a very rich man when he left the White House. It was charged by Populist and other orators that he had ar-cumulated a fortune of fully \$5,000,000 while in office. That he died compara-tively poor effectively refutes a skan-der as persistent as it was malignant. Personal integrity has ever heen a dis-tinguishing trait in Presidents of the United States. There have been twen-ty-six occupants of the high post, but against none of them has an accusation ty-six occupants of the high post, but against none of them has an accusation of dishonesty been preferred which had a more substantial basis than wild rumor. The charges were rung on Grant's alleged connection with the gold ring, but the evidence as sifted by historians acquits him of any com-plicity in that attack on the nation's credit. From Washington to Roosevelt the line of succession in unswerving integrity remains unbroken.

KISSING THE ROSE.

The Bystander. For want of a more interesting nov-elty, Paris has invented a new religion. The religion is decidedly aesthetic, and its followers believe that beauty is a sector. its followers believe that beauty is a saving grace, and that all that is ugly should be abhorred. This new cult has been described as a new gnostic relig-ion. The service is very simple, and closely resembles the Roman Catholic mass, but the worshipers commune by kissing a rose.

MACHINE-MADE FICTION. The Onlooker.

There is a certain type of novel of today which always recalls hateful me-mories of the mechanical doll. They start off with a shiver of clockwork; start off with a shiver of clockwork; all through their set poses and postur-ings you are conscious that the wheels of their mechanism are going round, and they leave off just where the penny you have dropped into their pub-lisher's slot has expended its propul-sive force. sive force.



Borrowell-"Did you propose to her on your knees?" Harduppe-"No; on my your knees?" Harduppe-"No; uppers."-Philadelphia Record.

Hyker--"You look gloomy, old man. What's the matter-can't you pay your debts?" Pyker--"Worse than that. I can't get into debt."--Chicago Dally Nows

"Poor man! Have you always been blind?" "No, mum." answered Tired Tiffins, unthinkingly. "Last week I wuz lame, but there wuzn't enuff in it." --Louisville Courier-Journal.

Farmer Honk (musingly)--"They say Deacon Klutchpenny's wife was a para-gon before he married her, and-" Mrs. Honk (briskly)-nothing of the kind! She was a Smith! I knew the whole family "-Puek family."-Puck

Mrs. Jenkins-"Norah, did you see that bag of confetti I bought for Fred-die yesterday?" The cook-"Oi did; but, shore. Oi didn't know it wor only fer Freddie. There's half av it left though." Mrs. Jenks (excitedly)-Half of it? What became of the rest?" The cook-"Oi cooked it av coorse: an' ve cook-"Ot cooked it, av coorse; an' ye all had it fer yer breakfast this mornn'."-Judge.



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and honesty; what value has a pledg with such backing?

The statement itself bears evidence of deception. It calls for \$125,000 for the completion of the sewer system, as If this were an improvement to be undertaken as soon as the money is obtained, when the fact is, as we understand it, that the contracts are all let and the work is being done, and the actual contracts call for a much more modest sum.

Then, there is the item of \$65,000 for the North Temple street aqueduct. There seems to be difference of opinion as to whether this aqueduct would really benefit the property owners unless it is built from Main street instead of Fourth West. But, be this as it may, to issue bonds for this piece of work is, according to good authority, illegal, and would invalidate the vote, should it be in favor of the hand issue. The City is by the constitution, it is held, limited to certain purposes for which debt can be incurred, and the building of aqueducts is not included.

That is proof conclusive of the deception to which the council pledges itself, in the absence of the Mayor. The council, to get votes, promises the residents of a certain part of the City to do for them what they know, or ought to know, they cannot legally do. If they get the money they can, of course, tell the citizens that the law does not permit them to keep their promises, and there you are.

HEED THE PROTESTS.

The residents of the West Side are only trying to maintain their rights when they protest against the re moval of the so-called red-light dis trict to their locality. Protests and petitions may be unavailing, if, as reported, those in favor of the removal well. are financially interested in the scheme But they should appeal to the courts. Under the law anyone who keeps ;

The extraordinary success of lucerr growing in this State, leads us to an inquiry about a favorite eastern plant that is related to our most valuable vestern fodder species. We have been thinking to ask some

of our scientific farmers why it is that the cow pea has not been established in the agriculture of this State. We therefore put the inquiry into this broad form so that whoever may have the answer can give it.

We learn from the East that the cow pea is one of the best of all legumes, yet that it is one of the most neglected. Why is it not grown here? Will not the farmer of the future study and grow the cow pea as a forage crop, and also as a fertilizer? It is adapted to almost all kinds and conditions of soil, and can be raised in all parts of the temperate zone. It produces a large amount of forage to the acre, and is classed with alfalfa and clover as a legume, while some authorities place it in the lead of either We should think our farmers would

try this crop at once. Their success with lucern has been phenomenal: the cowpea belongs to the same family, and is likely to succeed where water is not lacking.

Clover is said to require two years for maturity, cow peas only three months. A stand of clover is by no means certain, and in some sections has become so precarious that farmers are casting around for some other fertilizing crop to replace it. Again, clover harvest comes in June when showers are naturally frequent and when the farmer is busy with the corn and with other work; peas, however, are cut in August or September, when the rush of work is over and when there is generally a dry spell. Finally, owpeas combine in themselves not only a hay crop, but a grain crop as

A Missouri farmer says that:

"Simply as a money crop and with-ut reference to their fertilizing value, There is no doubt that the personal distribution of the city against the property owners, merely to give others a chance to self.

