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THAT CEMETERY SCANDAL.

The City Council should have met
on Wednesday evening in committee
of the whole, according to the unanimous
vote of that body on Monday
evening. As will be seen from our
regular report on a local page, only
four of the members put in an appearance. Why was that? The purpose of the meeting was to take up the cemetery investigation, that has been pending so long. Mr. Robinson has been active in pushing this inquiry, and he has received the cordial support of a few of the other members of the Council. He with Messrs. Fernstrom, Tuddenham and E. H. Davis, were the only members present when the matter was to have been taken up according to unanimous agreement.

What is the reason that this investigation has been so persistently avoided? Neither the Mayor nor the majority of the council seem to want any practical inquiry. Is there any partisan reason for this worse than apathy? Why have Mr. Robinson's efforts been continually balked or evaded, on every occasion when there appeared to be promise of an examination into the scandals attending the management of cemetery affairs?

The repeated avoidances of the issue culminated in the disgraceful lapse of Wednesday evening, and give color to the general impression that there is something rotten in this matter, that a number of city officials desire to keep covered up. We have made no charges against any one said to be implicated. We have simply stood for a full investigation, as agreed upon nominally by the council. The public want to know the facts in relation to the case, and will not be satisfied with the shifting, dodging, shameful methods adopted to keep them out of sight and secret.

An explanation is due from the members of the council who absented themselves from the unanimously appointed meeting, and this should be demanded by those who were on hand at the appointed time, and who met with one more rebuff by the marked absence of their associates, who evidently desire, for some cause unexplained, to smother the inquiry set on foot and the disclosures that have already been made. Let in the light on this cemetery mess of scandal!

"AND THAT'S WHAT WE WILL DO"

When the Deseret News published the report, currently circulated in Republican circles, that in the event of the election of Mr. Knox as Mayor, George A. Sheets would receive the appointment as Chief of Police, the Salt Lake Tribune went into convulsions, construed the statement as a "charge of a bargain" between those two individuals, and avowed that its publication was "adverse to Republican interests and Republican candidates." As there had been no intimation from any source about a "bargain" except that suggested by the Tribune, and nothing had been said to justify the notion that the publication of the common report was either against any Republican candidate or Republican interest, the public were in wonder as to what our morning contemporary was really driving at.

But it appears that it was in one of its frequent fits of frothy malice against the Deseret News. The friends of Mr. Sheets recognized nothing complimentary to the well known candidate for the office mentioned, nor to the gentleman expected to make the appointment if he obtains the power so to do. But the Salt Lake Herald came out on Wednesday morning with a very strong editorial on this matter, and went a great deal further than the mere local announcement in the "News." The Tribune makes no response in any shape or form.

Why should the Deseret News be assailed and misrepresented for publishing a simple item of news, and not a word be uttered in reply to the vigorous arraignment by the Herald? Did some of the friends of the Tribune put

that "sea in its ear" that we recommended, and whisper that it was making a fool of itself and kicking mulishly against its own cause?

We wish it to be understood that while we take no hand in party affairs, and attack no person engaged in partisan contentions, we shall publish the news as far as it appears to be reliable, and express opinions on public questions, when they are of interest and importance to the people of this city, and state and nation.

IN THE FAR EAST.

The dispatches from eastern Asia again reflect a rather gloomy outlook. Japanese papers think it will be necessary, before long, for Japan to take a decided stand, and strike for her very existence. The negotiations do not seem to proceed satisfactorily, and the impression is commencing to prevail that the Russian diplomats are not sincere, anyhow. It is claimed, in fact, that Russia has already commenced her invasion of Korea. Under the pretext of taking part in the wood-cutting throughout the great forests of the Yalu Valley, thousands of Russian soldiers, it is said, have penetrated into the Korean peninsula, while additional troops continually arrive, either openly or under some disguise.

The German view of the far eastern situation is reflected by the Berlin papers. It is to the effect that Russia cannot give up her plans in eastern Asia. She is irresistibly forced toward the open ports of the Mediterranean, the Persian Gulf, and the China Sea. She has felt constrained, for the time being, to postpone a realization of all those plans, on account of the Balkan troubles, it is thought; but they will not be given up permanently. The possession of Port Arthur and Tientsin Bay, says the Vossische Zeitung, renders a political and military foothold in eastern Manchuria imperative to Russia. She must also take care that no other power gains a foothold in Korea, thus placing itself in a position to make a sudden descent upon the railway in Manchuria or to threaten Vladivostok. Such are the circumstances which condition the relations between Japan and Russia as regards Korea. In spite of any mutual assurances of friendly feeling.

If this view is correct, it is evident that Japan must fight, for Korea's independence is regarded as vital to Japan. In the meantime Russia seems to be doing all in her power to provoke a conflict by which she hopes to become the mistress of Asia, forever.

The internal conditions of China are described as critical at this time. Predictions of an uprising are made, that will exceed in violence and magnitude any previous rising. Warnings of such a coming rising have been heard repeatedly, but they have not been heeded. Another warning is sounded by a French writer, who says that human misery is horrible in China. Famines rage in the province of Kwang-Si, where thousands of unfortunate are dying of hunger and whole families are living upon leaves and roots. Men sell themselves into slavery after having sold their wives and children. He continues:

"Many significant circumstances, of the same character as those which preceded the Boxer outbreak in 1900, have become notorious and inspire in European residents of China a fear that new popular outbreaks are imminent. Many Chinese bankers are hastily liquidating their affairs. Silver money is becoming scarcer and scarcer, gradually disappearing from circulation. The gravity of this phenomenon will be understood when it is stated that the Chinese always bury gold, silver and objects of any value at the approach of trouble in the country, in order that their treasures may escape the ravages of the invader. Warnings from well-informed and competent persons come in from all directions, just as in 1900. Yet it is very much to be feared that, despite long continued warnings, nothing is being done by any one to avoid the horrors of a new outbreak of massacre in China. But, always well informed regarding what is transpiring in China, the Russian government will not let itself be taken unawares. It may, indeed, be stated that all its measures have already been well taken."

Should an outbreak occur, as predicted, Russia will have an excuse for once more overrunning Chinese territory. Japan and Russia must meet, sooner or later, in mortal combat.

MARRIED LADY TEACHERS.

The appellate division of the New York Supreme Court has rendered a decision by which the right of school boards to terminate their contracts with lady teachers that marry during their term of service, is affirmed. The decision should be of general interest. The school board adopted the rule in question, and two Brooklyn teachers brought suits to test the right of the school board to enact such a by-law. Whether they married merely to test the legality of the rule, the story does not say. The lower court found in their favor. Superintendent Maxwell appeared from the decision to the Supreme Court, and the decision came as already stated. The court, of course, only considered the matter in its legal aspects. It said:

"The purpose of the rule is not to discourage marriage. It is rather in the public interest to dispense with the service of that class of teachers who assume new duties and step into another field, and where it is thought, their husbands would tend toward the disengagement of the school interest."

The question has been agitated in other large cities throughout the land. The view is very largely held, that in this country it should not be necessary for any wife to work out for a living. The duty and responsibility of providing for the family should rest upon the man. In some countries where the resources are meager, and opportunities of earning wages few, it may be a stern necessity for man and woman to labor side by side, in the field, in the shop, the office, or wherever a few cents can be earned. But the necessity does not exist here, as a rule. It is the exception. It should not be made the rule.

A lady teacher who undertakes the responsibilities of wife and mother, cannot at the same time discharge the duties of a teacher. One position must be neglected for the other. And the

country can really not afford to have either its schools or its homes neglected. Both need the undivided care of the best talent obtainable.

The Canucks speak of him as Lord Chief Justice Alverstone.

In California the bankers will see such banks of flowers as they never saw before.

There are lots of kindergarten, grammar and high schools. Why not have a few spelling schools?

Like champion prizefighters, Russia and Japan do much more talking and blustering than fighting.

How politicians do hate independence! They can stand treasons, stratagems and spoils, but independence never.

And now Sam Parks has been indicted for perjury. Sam has a wonderful faculty for making trouble for himself as well as others.

Postmaster-General Payne has been lopping off some unseemly heads in his department. The process gives them pain and Payne pleasure.

The Milwaukee city council has just declared that the toy pistol and the cannon firecracker "must go." They always go off on the Fourth of July.

Whatever else may result from his Gotham crusade, Dowie will be in a splendid position to draw comparisons between New York and Chicago.

If Dr. Parkhurst's letter to Dowie was written in a Christian and brotherly love spirit, how vitriolic would it have been had this spirit been absent?

Anew has Mr. Cleveland announced that there is "room at the top." This is particularly true of skyscraper apartment houses and isolated mountain peaks.

The looting of the Superior, Wis., postoffice vault by burglars, who gained entrance without the use of explosives, shows that the old art of safe-cracking is not entirely dead.

To the congressional mind it doubtless seems very logical that there should be extra mileage for attending the extra session and regular mileage for the regular session, though but one trip is made.

If Russia has tied up China, in the matter of making treaties for opening Manchuria and it proves irksome, it is well to remember that we also have tied up Cuba to a greater or less extent in the same way.

By his very wanton attack upon reporters, Dowie, if not proving himself a blackguard, has proven that he can blackguard with the best. Perhaps there was method in his attack and that he desired to achieve some additional notoriety.

Only nine men have been hanged in Kentucky during the past five years, and there have been 738 murders there. The nine executions are to the credit of the state. The 738 murders are to be credited to the feuds.

A great big public land "graft" scheme has been discovered in Oregon. It is probable that such schemes will continue to be concocted so long as any public lands are left. While this is so the concoctors should be run down and punished wherever possible.

The death of Editor Morse of the Indianapolis Sentinel is most regrettable. There is much analogy between it and that of Editor McCullough of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He, too, fell from a window and the public never quite made up its mind whether it was an accident or a suicide.

When every voter and taxpayer takes a personal interest in the administration of the city's affairs and refuses to remain at home and complain, then there will be small chance for professional politicians to manipulate them. The excuse, "It's too much trouble," is what's the matter with politics throughout the length and breadth of the land.

THE EXTRA SESSION.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The first business in order is to be legislation giving effect to the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The administration appears to be sanguine this legislation will go through without serious difficulty, some of those who were opposed to it in the last congress having been brought over to its support. While this may be true, it does not follow that there will be any prompt action. The organization of the house and the appointment of the committee on ways and means, with which the geared legislation must originate, will take a little time. The committee can wait a few days if it feels so disposed. Considering the terms of the bill, although there are as well known now as they will ever be. It will not be difficult to keep the bill under discussion in congress until near the time for the regular session to commence and then pass it just before adjournment of the extra session.

New York Mail and Express.

There should be no surprise or disappointment among those who are reported to have tried to dissuade the president from calling an extra session of congress because they have failed. The purpose of the session will be to adopt a resolution giving effect to the treaty of commercial reciprocity with Cuba. That treaty was ratified by the Cuban congress upon the unofficial but distinct understanding that President Roosevelt would exert the influence of his administration to make it effective. As the treaty, through changes of duties upon imports from Cuba, effects the national revenue, it is essential that assent to them should originate in the House of Representatives. As the Senate has given its approval to the treaty, there remains only this necessary legislation. The President will be but redeeming an implied pledge in asking Congress to perform its part as promptly as possible.

DOWIE IN NEW YORK.

Pueblo Chieftain.
Dowie and his Zionists leave Chicago on their mission to evangelize New York. We have always been led to suppose that Chicago is quite the modern Babylon and it is queer to think of moral relief for New York coming out of it. The particular object of the cru-

sade is to evangelize Wall street. In view of the ship building combination and other promotions that have had a place on Wall street in late years the visit is timely. There are some people on the stock exchange right now who wish that they had embraced Zionism or almost anything else six months ago rather than to have remained there for the pinch.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.
According to his own declaration from the pulpit in Zion City, John Alexander Dowie will be "out for the stuff," during his prospective touring the East.

Boston Herald.

His talents resemble that of Gen. Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, and his aim is somewhat similar. His work is primarily among the lower classes. It is a kind of rescue work on a large scale, peculiar in its methods and not new appreciated so highly as it may be in the future. But we are not now concerning ourselves so much with the religious motive and aims as with his executive power and system. The particulars of his plan of descent upon New York city exhibit a distinct genius for detail in management.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Pearson's Magazine for November has the complete short stories—"The Pariah," by Mr. T. Jenkins Haines; "The Ivory Casket," by James Workman; "Lady Ella's Marriage," by Owen O'Leary; "Her Right to Choose," by J. P. Seaton; "The Biography," by George left Burgess; and "Will Irwin one of the (Pleasures series); The Duel Between Don Q. and the Dark Brothers of the Civil Guard," by K. and Hesketh Pritchard. Six special articles are: Mrs. Adrain C. Hope's Pastel Portraits, The Electoral Commission—an interesting bit of history from the diary of a life in politics, by Mr. David S. Barry; "Life in Metals," by A. S. Kumar Ghosh; "The Marvels of Fruit Breeding," by Marcus Woodward; "James Cardinal Gibbons," by Mr. William P. Symm; and "Holding the Mirror up to Nature," by Edward Harrigan—Pearson Pub. Co., New York.

Report of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference on International Arbitration has been received. It is a complete record of the proceedings of that gathering. The opening address of former Secretary of State, John W. Foster, is an admirable review of the past year's development. Coming as it does from an accomplished diplomat and a trained man of affairs, it is a most valuable contribution to the study of international arbitration. Among the speakers at that congress were Edward Everett Hale, John Crosby Brown, Lyman Abbott, Theodore L. Cuyler and many others. Copies of the proceedings may be had on application to the Secretary, Mohonk Lake, N. Y.

Harper's Bazar for November is a Thanksgiving number. The cover design and the contents are appropriate for the season. The following is the list of contents, in part: "Little Essays About Girls," Henry Van Dyke; "Thanks For All," poem, Edith Thomas, illustrated by Clarence F. Underwood; "Katherine Bates," "Fulfillment," Charles Hanson; "Town," "Grouse Out of Season," one-act comedy, Marguerite Merington; "The Memory of a Lady," part 7, Josephine Daskam; "Their First and Last Thanksgivings," "When Mary Ellen Left Home," story, Dolores Marbourg Bacon; "A Halloween Supper," Elsie Kingston; "Dinner," "Evening Gown," "Costumes for Street Wear," "Home and Reception Gowns," "Simple Fashions," A. T. Ashmore; "Thanksgiving Dinners," Josephine Greiner; and "Embroidered Household Linen,"—Harper & Bros., New York.

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