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DON'T BE RASH.

Promptness in seizing opportunities is as necessary to the success of a community as to that of an individual. It is always an indication of energy and courage, and these two qualities are as potent in the accomplishment of every purpose as any that mankind is gifted with. Yet there is no real safety in energy which is not associated with judgment, nor in courage unmatched with sagacity. It frequently happens, therefore, that promptness is nothing more than recklessness, and that sober sense is rendered silly by enthusiasm.

Every community that has no railroad is probably anxious to get one. Almost every community that has already one railroad—no matter whether one horse can do their work quite as well as two, and at half the expense for feed—is keen to get the second one. There are certain kinds of property—money and railroads among them—of which the more a people get, the more they want. Nor is this desire, even when it reaches the virulent stage of avarice, altogether to be condemned. To strain, and sweat, and grasp, in the accumulation of means, is not wholly bad, though there may be grinding and miserly methods employed. Means thus acquired will usually benefit some one in the end; and the example furnishes both a good lesson in industry and economy, and a grim warning against cupidity and inhumanity.

So, we applaud the efforts of any community to acquire the untold benefits that come of railroad connection with the rest of the world. We also applaud the reasonable endeavors of any community, already thus favored, to secure by new railroad connections an escape from the monopoly they may be suffering under. But all things in calmness, and with due regard to the sound principles of business sense! It has seemed to the NEWS that some of our southern friends just now need, what some of our northern friends needed a short time ago: a warning against being insanely carried away by prospective benefits that may never materialize, and against being recklessly generous of substantial pledges when they get nothing but glittering promises in return. Anybody can build a railroad on paper. That is the preliminary step, also, of all real railroads. But there is no need to deed away lands heedlessly for right of way, to give city blocks here and there for depot grounds, and to tie up other and valuable kinds of property and pledges in pawn upon a mere promise that in time the compensating benefits will be returned. A community thus hampered to an unreal project occasionally cuts itself off from negotiation with another project much more tangible and much more worthy of confidence. The leading men in southern Utah are quite able to take care of the business interests of their patient and deserving section. The NEWS only urges them to prevent their people taking any leap in the dark, or getting prematurely into any entangling alliance that would debar them from considering other and perhaps more acceptable propositions that the near future may offer.

GRAND AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES.

There will be placed before the Legislature early in the session a proposition to change the boundary line between Grand and San Juan counties. The effect will be to enlarge Grand by a considerable slice off San Juan. The present southern boundary of Grand is on latitude 38 deg. 30 min., on a line with the northern boundary of Wayne county. The change sought is to extend Grand about twenty-five miles to the south, on a line with the southern boundary of Wayne, along the sixty-ninth parallel.

The arguments used in favor of the alteration in county lines is that the division would be more natural because of the topography of the country, and that the counties of the tract proposed to be transferred are in favor of Grand, the county seat of Grand, and Bluff City, county seat of San Juan, are both near the southern boundaries of their respective counties. It is a long and difficult trip for the people in north San Juan to go to their county seat, while in case the suggested alteration were made they would be quite close and convenient to Moab.

The proposed new line does not go as far south as the summit of the mountain range and thus make a strictly natural division on topographical lines, but it is stated that it goes far up the chain of hills as to include all habitable country, leaving to the north of the summit only a comparatively small range for cattle, horses and sheep, the possession of which would be a matter of small moment to either county.

There is one situation which may be urged on the face of the showing made in the suggested change. In depriving San Juan county of a strip of country twenty-five or more miles wide and giving it to Grand county, there would be taken from San Juan a considerable portion of its revenue, derived from taxes on the extensive ranches and herds of stock in that section. Grand county is fairly well provided for already in the matter of taxable property, in proportion to its population, and has the advantage of a considerable section of the Rio Grande Western railway. But if the convenience of the people residing on the tract in question requires the transfer, the particular county that gets the revenue is a matter of secondary importance.

As a rule, it is inadvisable to frequently change the boundaries of counties. In the present instance, however, those who are moving for action by the legislature make a good showing in behalf of their proposition. The arguments in its favor will be placed before the legislature at the earliest possible date, for their consideration. Whether or not San Juan county will raise any objections to being reduced in area in the manner indicated has not been developed yet. If the officials and residents there do not take kindly to the move, they should make an early presentation of their reasons for opposing it.

A COMING GUEST.

Next week there will arrive in Salt Lake an eminent citizen of the German empire. His object in coming to this city is not merely one of pleasure in visiting a world-famed locality; the gentleman's presence in the United States is connected with business for his government. He is J. B. Kilinke, commissioner of railroads of Prussia, and he has been specially delegated to visit the United States and report to the German government on the condition and various improvements in railway operation and service in this country.

Commissioner Kilinke has traveled, during the past three months, in various parts of the United States, and has been engaged in inspecting various railway systems and shops. One result of his observation is shown in an expressed intention to recommend many innovations and improvements for the German railways. While in Germany railway tracks, depots, etc., are more substantially built than on the majority of lines in this country, and might be classed as superior to some of that, yet the railways here have some features very far in advance of those possessed by that branch of the service in the kaiser's dominions. In the workshops here the latest inventions for turning out the best work present some odd and striking contrasts to the old-fashioned German methods; while there hardly can be a comparison made between the passenger equipments in the two countries. Some special cars are elaborately fitted up on German railways, it is true; but such a thing as a Pullman or a Wagner car or anything approaching it in the regular public passenger service is a great rarity, and the convenience and comfort of regular passenger coaches in America finds no parallel in that branch on the German roads.

Mr. Kilinke will stop over at Ogden and Salt Lake, and will then proceed to examine the operation of railways in the mountains between this valley and Denver. He is specially interested in the operation of roads in a mountainous country in the winter, as in some parts of Germany great difficulties are met with in that respect. In making his inquiries in this section the railway officials will of course afford him every facility and courtesy, for if there are mountain railways anywhere that have developed a system of successful operation in winter they are the Union Pacific and Rio Grande roads. Commissioner Kilinke will find a good deal to interest and instruct him in railway business in this mountain country, and from all accounts of him he is a gentleman and slow to take advantage of opportunities of obtaining practical information relating to the particular branch of public service to which he is most interested.

NO APOLOGY NEEDED.

A wrote in the New World, C. H. Toy, his an article on the parliament of religions held in Chicago in connection with the World's Fair. He makes it his object to impress upon his readers the universal character of this gathering both geographically and other wise. In America, he says, the United States and Canada were represented; in Europe—England, France, Holgium, Sweden, Germany, Russia and Greece; in Asia—Armenia, India, China, Japan and Siam. And the speakers represented nearly all forms of christian religions. The author says also that the parliament of religions exhibition of the religions of the world and was conducted without sectarian bitterness.

One fact seems to illustrate this fact of the past most of the time, but on one occasion, he says, he was brought into active service. This incident he relates as an attempt to arrest a dozen Zuni Indians who had killed one of the tribe. Twenty-five soldiers were engaged to serve the warrant, and the Belgian gives a long and sensational account of how they were set upon by the Zuni warriors from whom they were relieved by the appearance of a body of 300 regular troops coming up as a reinforcement. Had such a scene as he describes occurred this summer, as he states it did, the whole country would have been stirred by the prospect of a great Indian war. As it is, the story is so stirring and sensational for repetition. It probably would hinge on the fact of attempt of a few Indians which has been exaggerated to its present ridiculous extent by the Belgian-living Belgian.

No doubt his tale of life in America will be a very acceptable one, more exciting to terrific conjunction based on the experiences of a life antipodal to that which is typical of the average people of this country. But as a description of the actual condition among the masses of the people is most of necessity to be removed from the truth. Just as it is with the proposed new book, it probably is with a good many publications issued in this country and elsewhere regarding other nations and peoples. They are written to sell, and to display the vanity of the authors. Such works, instead of benefiting the reading public are really a serious injury for the reason that they disseminate as information coming from persons of rank of education, and of experience, a mixture of fact and error so mixed as to be almost impossible of separation.

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN MEETINGS.

The Democratic Committee announces the following Meetings:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29.

1st Precinct—Exposition Building.
2nd Precinct—Brewer's Hall, near Albany Hotel, Fifth West.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30.

Joint Meeting at the Theater.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2.

2nd Precinct—Odd's Hall, Fourth South and Second West.
3rd Precinct—Sixteenth Ward School, Fourth West and First North.
Second Division Meeting at St. Mark's Hall, First South, op. City Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3.

5th Precinct—Seventh Hall, State and Second South.
8th Precinct—Twenty-third Ward Assembly Hall.

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