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### ASPIRANTS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. VINITAL

A RECENT writer in dealing with the character of John C. Calhoun, the great others who, like him, aspired to the Presidency:

has led so many promising spirits to prophecies of politicians are by no their damnation) that inspired all his means infallible. The most soute of later efforts. It does really seem that from the hour when public men feel themselves to be on the road to the presidential mansion-that whited wall of Between now and next Fall great chanall that is best of human nature-they all that is best of human nature they all, in some degree, cease to be worthy of themselves. They take on board, as it were, and stow away in the hold of their souls a huge magnet, which pulls the needle of conscience all awry."

The force and truthfulness of these words have been frequently brought home to us of late in reading the accounts which have abounded in the newspapers and in the telegraphic dispatches respecting the efforts of one of the most prominent men in the nation to secure the Democratic nomination for President. The statements which appear may not be altogether trustworthy. Partisan statements never are. They should always be received with a degree of allowance. 'Still, as they have not been contradicted, it is of life, light and salvation, but they fair to presume that they are not wholly could not appreciate them. They conwithout foundation. It must; indeed, be a "mania for the Presidency" that can induce a man to descend from an exalted position, which is held by a lifelease, and enter into the political arena to contest for a place which, if gained, it is not probable can be occupied longer preached, and, according to the histories than four years.

It was Euripides, we believe, who forewarned all men to beware of Ambition, "as of all the higher powers, the most destructive and pernicious to her votaries.". It is a warning that cannot be too often pondered upon by politiciored of the Presidency. It seems unaccountable that last books that King James' translators men who have achieved a high national reputation should jeopardize it all for the sake of a few years of power! For, from the very moment their names are mentioned in connection with the Prementioned in connection with the Pre-sidency, they become the target for every among themselves to decide which slander against them by those who are were inspired and which were not. You not of their party. not of their party. Of course, as the names of the Democratic nominees for President and Vice him. They were learned in the fan-President have not been known, their guages, sciences and the opinions of weaknesses and faults have not been systematically exposed; the party itself tematically exposed; the party itself, books were given by revelation and and its heresies, blunders and crimes, which were not. And it was perhaps have been the themes which its politi- only a single vote that saved the book cal opponents have dwelt upon. But we shall soon have our exchanges filled with personal details of the misconduct. follies, and perhaps crimes of the gentlemen whose names are now inscribed for President and Vice-President of the United States on the Democratic banner. Every act of their lives, every expression they ever made-and many probably which they themselves never heard about-will be scrutinized, drag- and had inaugurated a reformation, and ged into light and held up to condemnation by their opponents. Their friends will not be idle; they will be equally diligent in finding reasons, and mak-ing them public, for the unbounded admiration which they appear to enter-tain for them. Already, if a person were to believe all that is said in the opposition journals respecting Grant and Colfax, bad commenced to engraft into the relihe would think them the two most similitude of an idolatrous worship. mour and Blair. The campaign will ror arose and stopped the persecution of undoubtedly be a severe one. From the Christians. This was Constantine the now until next November it is probable the country will ring with the names of GRANT AND COLFAX, SEYMOUR AND BLAIR. They will be misrepresented, been able to wade through the blood of denounced and abused. They will be accused of the most grave crimes, offen- 306 he established the Christian relices and improprieties,-treason, drunk-enness, incapacity, extravagance, and pressed the time-honored rites of Pagan every thing else that is odious that the most active minds can conceive. And these men will pass through this al-most insufferable ordeal for what? To be, as they hope, the President and Vice-President of the United States for four brief years!

nullifier, thus alludes to him and to ing that their candidates are sure of "I cannot resist the conclusion that it not be likely to find it out from the was the mania for the Presidency (which stump or through the journals. The

By Elder GEORGE A. SMITH, de-livered in the New Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, June 21, 1868.

# REPORTED BY DAVID W. EVANS.

The visit of the Savior of the world. his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead; the proclamation of the gospel through the nations by his disciples and apostles brought the subject to the attention of a great portion of the world. The Savior, himself, is represented as going to his own—to his own nation, to His own people, and they received Him not. He came to them with the words spired against Him and put Him to death. He says in relation to this that it must needs be that offenses come, but woe to him through whom they come, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he cast into the depths of the sea. The offenses did come. His servants went forth and that have come down to us, they were all martyred with but one exception, that is John, who is represented to have been cast into a cauldron of oil. We find, however, in the New Testament, that the writings of John are the last that are handed down to us by King James

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philosophy and vain deceit after the for not strictly observing the Catholic was dismissed. tradition of men, after the rudiments of religion. He then renounced the Catho- At half-past

three epistles, written almost a hundred

upright life, and "to do to others as timent which existed for so many years he would that others should do unto in regard to the Catholic faith. Howhim." These, in short, were the prom- ever, divisions arose, and the northern at the time of the Apostles of our Lord under Calvin and Luther. Scotland beand Savior, who had established bran- came Protestant under the lead of cerches of the church in nearly all parts of tain very devout divines. England bethe known world. But these simple came Protestant under Henry VIII,

the world and not after Christ. The religion of the Pagan world was made up in a great measure of ostenta-lic faith through a personal quarrel between him and the Pope, and assum-ed to be the head of the church, and put Jonathan Midgley, County Sunday tious display. Offerings and sacrifices men to death for not believing in his of various kinds were made in temples spiritual supremacy. So that he killed Brass Band and singing by the Nephi of great magnificence, some of which men on both sides of the question. Choir, in charge of Prest. William were kept constantly open for this pur- This continued during his lifetime, and Evans; prayer by the Chaplain, William A great number of persons de- during the short reign of his son, Ed- Cazier; and an Oration by Judge Bigler, voted their lives to the service of these ward. Then she who is called "Bloody on the Declaration of Independence. voted their lives to the service of these gods. They worshipped the images of almost every creature that could be im-agined, and the planets, which were generally represented by collossal stat-ues of exquisite workmanship. The in-fluence of these deities over the people was universal. Nations dare not go to

they were determined to keep His com-mandments unto the end. Their places of worship were general-ly private houses, or such retired places as they could obtain so as to be free from the interruption of their enemies.

And in connection with the ordinances This made the nations a great deal by their several Superintendents to to which I have referred, their religion consisted in the observance of a strict moral code. When a man entered the Germany and Italy were side by side church by the door, that is by faith, re-pentance, baptism for the remission of ed about 150 years-costing the lives Nephi Brass Band; Bishop Bryan, and pentance, baptism for the remission of the data about 100 years of ug the fought in sins and the laying on of hands, he was of two millions of men. They fought in required to live in strict obedience to the common cause, and it had a ten-the principles laid down in the teach-ings of our Savior, to sustain and uprequired to live in strict obedience to the principles laid down in the teach-ings of our Savior, to sustain and up-hold the truth and to lead a pure and ing District, with Adjutant C. Foote; Committee of Arrangemente; Sunday School scholars, in care of Superinteninent religious observances that existed nations of Europe became Protestant dent Samuel Claridge; Sunday School scholars, in care of Superintendent William Knight; citizens; rear guard. After parading several streets, the pro-cession halted where it was formed, principles were soon trespassed upon by philosophers. Paul, in warning the members of the church of this, says: "beware lest any man spoil you through er of the faith." He put many to death

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should be reluctant to accept the nomi-nation of President. Even if sure of an election be aught to bury entombed during the time that to bury election, he ought to be. But his reluc- after the Christian manner was a violatance will, very likely, be attributed to tion of the laws of the Roman Empire; some other reason. But every properly constituted man, whose mind can grasp the nature of the cares and responsibili-ties of thet bit is not of the confiscation of the property or their the nature of the cares and responsibili-ties of that high office as at present ad-ministered, and who is not afflicted with "a mania for the Presidency," would shrink back from assuming such a posi-tion. The President of the United States, as the office is now administered, leads a life of splendid misery—a life far removed from all the sharms which make existence desirable. He can know no privacy; have no domestic comform but be harassed, maligned and censured. The complaints and appeals of the hordes of hungry, clamorous office-hunters which throng the rooms of the

body of learned divines even professed

translators as inspired writings. His

to have the inspiration of God upon of James, and perhaps only a single vote that cast out the books of the Apocrypha. Now, this is calculated to make men reflect upon the position of a church without an inspired leader, without a man at its head who can ask the Lord for guidance and obtain an answer. The Church of England made no pretensions to inspiration. It had protested against the Church of Rome as being the "beast," the "false prophet," the "mo-ther of harlots and abominations of the earth," and everything that was corrupt established the Protestant Church of England, with the King for its head; but it had no inspiration. And this

divisions occurred in the Christian churches on a variety of topics. They unsuitable men for the positions to which they aspire of any men in the United States. Before many days elapse, the same person, if he should believe all that will be published in the journals of the other side, would come to the same conclusion respecting Sey-mour and Blair. The campaign will Great. He was, by no means, the most pious of Christian Sovereigns, but he his competitors and set himself on the throne of the Roman world. In the year tians had been oppressed and trampled down, and had even been under the neour brief years! No wonder that Horatio Seymour honey-combed with subterraneous cata-

was universal. Nations dare not go to gers, a minister of the gospel, who was war without consulting these oracles. the first martyr in Mary's reign. He some of their temples were dedicated especially to war. There was one in Rome which was kept constantly open in time of war and shut in time of peace. And there was one period in which war was so prelonged, that this temple, ded-in the inst martyr in mary's reigh. He was burnt at the stake in Smithfield. When I visited London, I went to the same place to preach, but the police would not let me. They said that the Lord Mayor by the advice of the Bishop of London, had, the evening before, incred of the samuel Claridge, Samuel Pitchicated to the god of war, was kept con-tinually open for a hundred years. And everything that a zealous love of the marvellous and the wonderful could do but we were not allowed to do not allowed before, marvellous and the wonderful could do te sustain the tottering empire of Pa-ganism was done, and to enforce the consequence of the publication of our observance of pagan rights. And to intention to visit London for the pur-ensure respect to their ancient mytho- pose of establishing the gospel. I do gy, thousands of the followers of the not know that it was so, but it was the meek and lowly Jesus were put to first time that any Protestant had been death.

This is but a glance at the difference Smithfield Market, and in the streets of the two systems. But at the time of on Sunday. Constantine the religion of Jesus had varied very materially from what it was two hundred years before.

some writers dispute in relation to "When Elizabeth undertook to estab-Constantine's conversion. Some say lish the Protestant religion in Ireland. that he was baptized by immersion in the old church of St. John Lateran, at Rome, which was originally a heathen temple, dedicated to the goddess Faus-tina, one of the Roman Empresses, who, by some historians is asserted to have been one of the most land world they have authority which has have been one of the most lewd women descended to them from the Savior and that ever lived in Rome; but who was His apostles. But when the division regarded as a paragon of purity by her Imperial husband, who caused her to be proclaimed a goddess; and the virgins of Rome, especially those of patrician blood were required to go into the pres-ence of her statue to offer their vows previous to marriage. Saint John Lat-eran also contained, it is said, the font any. Now if the Catholic Church had in which Constantine was baptized. any authority those who dissented from But some assert, and I think Eusebius them were thus deprived of every vesis among the number, that Constantine tige of it; and if the Catholics had no was a little careless in regard to the matter of baptism, and deferred it, as many persons do the making of their wills—until after their death.

This, however, matters not so much as the effect produced by this grand po-litical change, which not only had a tendency to suppr as Paganism, but it also degenerated Christianity. Thou-to make a general reform. A stream sands and thousands of Pagans-men dedicated to the Pagan service, now found it to their interest to seek em-among any of them. Not one of these ployment under the new religion; and Reformers even professed to have in-in order to make it permanent and to spiration from the Lord, and that is the give it the appearance of consequence it condition of the religious world to-day. was deemed necessary to incorporate in- Are the Latter-day Saints any better to it some of the Pagan rites and osten-tatious display. Degeneracy, almost universal degeneracy was the result. In a few centuries the religious power had grown almost equal to the former civil power of Rome.

A division occurred boxes. The reaction of the Greek Church and operation of the Lord should reveal the state of the Sorrest of Early and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and the second and presend the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and the second and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and the second and the second and the second and apoetleship upon Joseph and the second and th A division occurred between the patri- because the Lord in answer to his pray-

In the evening there was an adult

## PAYSON, U.T., July 5, '68.

Editor Descret News .- The celebraof the 4th, was as animated with us as usual. The Declaration of Independence was read by Br. J.T. Hardy, and deprived of the right to preach in an oration was delivered by Br. D. S. Colvin, laudatory of the glorious deeds of the heroes of the Revolution. This endless theme of the orater and poet was also dilated upon by Brs. J. T. As soon as Queen Mary died England became Protestant again. Mooney in Hardy, B F. Stewart and I. M. Coombs. The patriotism of the people found vent, also, in toasts, songs, firing of guns, &c., &c.

The exercises of the occasion concluded in the dancing halls of our city. All was harmony and peace, joy and happiness.

What appeared to be an aged veteran, NOTIONS, dressed after an antique and novel fashion, reminding one of the pictures of good, old SANTA CLAUS in some of our pictorial papers, with the figures '76 painted on a hat of exceeding high altitude, rode through our streets on an elevated platform, in a chariot drawn by four spirited horses to the sound of sweet music, which was discoursed by the Payson string band. Being invited your correspondent jumped aboard and took a flying trip over to Salem, (Pond Town,) where we found the good people celebrating, also, in true patriotic style. We gave them a few tunes and then returned to our festive hall, where we whirled the hours away until the advent of the Sabbath admonished us to bring our celebration to a close and adjourn to our several homes.

The committee of arrangements were Alderman J. S. Page, A. Potter and Councilor G. S. Rust. Yours Truly,

J. M. COOMBS, Reporter. P. S. Our juveniles had their holiday on the 3d inst., and enjoyed it hugely.



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