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ANOTHER TRIBUNE OUTBURST.

At the risk of offending those of our good friends who urge that the venomous frothing of the Salt Lake Tribune should be ignored by the Deseret News—and with whom in the main we agree—we feel that the latest malicious outburst of the organ of infamy should not pass unnoticed.

We refer to the insulting tirade against the Deseret News, caused by the offer of the circulation of this paper to accord ministers the same special rates as those given missionaries and teachers. The suggestion came from one of the church workers themselves and was readily adopted by the "News," the simple intention being to extend an act of courtesy which it was thought might be appreciated.

Whether or not the ministers purchase the paper on the street, as most of them doubtless do, or send their names to the circulation at the special rate proposed, is a matter of very small moment to the "News," and it might be thought, would be to the Tribune as well. But we are aware that circulation is a subject on which the Tribune management is quite sensitive at the present time, so doubtless its frenzied muck racking over so insignificant a circumstance, should be made due allowance for, and passed over in pity.

EXTRAVAGANCE AND PRICES.

The citizens of New York are beginning to realize the necessity of looking after the expense accounts of the city. A tax-payers' conference, representing real estate interests, proposes to take up the question of municipal extravagance. The city has borrowed money to the limit of its credit, and spent it injudiciously. The cost of living has increased in New York, in proportion to the municipal debt. This fact has, finally, dawned upon the people of that great city. They realize that: "The issue of taxes and budget affects the welfare of all citizens, whether property-owners or tenants, for the tenants, in the final accounting, are the real tax-payers. It is an issue of civic economy."

The tax-payers' organization is prepared to take up every item of expense and weigh it to prevent such extravagance as has existed, it is claimed, in past years. It is hoped to prevent such squanderings as last year, when the borough president of the Bronx asked for an increase of \$400,000, and wasted 50 per cent of the amount spent through his bureau of highways, and paid \$20,000 to clean a building that could be kept just as well for \$1,800. It is also hoped that another increase can be prevented in the Bronx bureau of highways from \$704,000 to \$921,000; and in the bureau of buildings of an increase from \$123,500 to \$132,500.

One member of the executive committee of the Tax-payers' conference claims that the payroll of the city should be gone over. He says there are stenographers, for instance, receiving \$1,400 or \$1,800 a year who are not better qualified than stenographers in the downtown district receiving \$900 or \$1,000 a year. Bookkeepers, too, he declares, who would be well paid in a private business at \$75 a month seem to feel that they are entitled to \$100 or even \$150 when they become city employees.

The New York World points out that the city spends about \$225 yearly for every family of five persons. What that means to the poorer classes few realize, but, as the World remarks, "Taxes paid in the rent bill, the food bill and the clothing bill are the heaviest single factor in the cost of living of the poorest people. When half the tax money assigned to the Bronx borough president's office is wasted, as the mayor's accountants reported, it costs a poor family in Staten Island more to live. When Kissena Park and police-farm graft are permitted in Queens, the poor of New York's east side suffer."

The citizens of Salt Lake will sooner or later realize that, from an economic point of view, bad, extravagant government is a very poor investment. It is bad for business; it is worse for the poor consumer who pays for that extravagance out of his scanty wages. If public money is spent recklessly as a reward for political services, be it by burling the various departments with superfluous hands or by the creation of positions in order to secure votes, or in any other way, the cost of living is added to, to that extent, and the burden is felt by those who are least able to carry it. To borrow money is no remedy. That may make the City appear flush for a short time, but the day of reckoning comes and with it the awakening from the dream of a fool's paradise. Good, honest city government is what brings lasting prosperity and promotes healthy growth. Salt Lake City now has an unenviable reputation for being an expensive city to live in. We know not to what extent this may be justified, but it is absolutely certain that extravagant city government results, as in New York, in high prices on all necessities of life.

GANG GOVERNMENT.

We believe the opinion is spreading in this country that it is not safe to entrust the government of cities to political gangs who use American institu-

tions for their own selfish ends. Large property owners especially realize that their lawful rights, their investments, their lives, are hardly safe except under good, honest, and conservative administrators of public affairs, who are not indebted to party manipulators but to the citizens generally, for their offices.

Where political gangs are in control, an undesirable class is attracted to public morals are ignored, except for occasional pretenses at reform that are made for effect, generally a short time before an election, to catch votes. As a rule they are ignored. Consequently, an undesirable class is attracted to such communities. The gang generally depends on that class for support, and gets it.

The reason why it so often succeeds is not difficult to find. While the moral forces of the community divide their strength, the forces that prey, the vicious, the criminal and all who seek unfair advantage by special privilege or the lax enforcement of law unflinchingly bring their political support to the machine that is best able and most willing to give them what they seek regardless of the interests of the community.

That is the danger. Whenever a city is under the control of a machine that is in league with the forces of vice and crime; whenever government is perverted to serve the selfish purposes of political ambition; whenever the better sentiment of the community is neutralized by the bitterness of partisan strife, then the conditions are favorable for the outbreak of mob rule under which there is no regard for property, nor for life.

The lawlessness that prevailed in Springfield, Ill., a few days ago, is but an illustration of what can be done in an American city in this enlightened century, when the passions are set in motion. It is another proof of the fact that there is but one short step from freedom to anarchy, as there is but one step from anarchy to despotism. It is a reminder to American citizens that our dearly bought civilization is not safe unless the vicious and criminal element is prevented from the control of public affairs.

SHOULD INVESTIGATE.

It is commonly reported that the building inspector appointed by the so-called American administration has issued a number of building permits for the erection of houses that are to be dedicated to prostitution. The building inspector has perhaps no discretion in the matter. When the buildings conform to the rules and regulations adopted for the safety of the City, he has, probably, not the authority to withhold a permit, but if he has reason to believe that permit is sought for the erection of a building to be used for illegal purposes, he could, perhaps, call the attention of the proper officials to that fact, without undue interference in their business.

The City ordinances, which, by the way, were framed long before the so-called American party dictators took charge, make it a misdemeanor to own or keep a house of ill-fame, and somebody has solemnly sworn to "see that the laws and ordinances are faithfully executed." Somebody has given a bond to the City as a guarantee of faithful performance of his official duties. We would expect that city officers under oath and bond would, for their own sake, investigate the persistent rumors and take whatever action may be necessary to prevent an outrage upon one part of our citizens.

The entire story of this "removal" of the "red light" district is rather shady. As it has been related to us, the proposition was first made during Mayor Thompson's time, but he turned it down. The story is that the idea originated with a fellow who found out that bad houses pay an enormous interest on the investment. Negotiations were at once, we are told, opened with an Ogden woman, but Mayor Thompson refused to consent to their plans. We shall not tell the story, at present, as given to us in an "open letter," but will express the hope that the City authorities will prove to the people of this City that houses of ill-fame are not erected here with their consent or approval. The people have a right to know the truth in this matter.

THE CRIME OF SUICIDE.

Thursday's dispatches contain a record of three suicides and of one attempted suicide, two in Europe and two in the United States.

The victims of the mania are reported to be prominent people. One was a German banker; another, a Lisbon politician; another, a Pittsburgh barber; the fourth was the treasurer of Syracuse university, New York. Many people seem to think that, while it would imply the serious crime of murder to take the life of another, yet that they have a perfect right to take their own life. This is a gross mistake.

The command, "Thou shalt not kill," applies as well to one's own life as to the life of another. Indeed, as has often been pointed out, to commit suicide is the most obnoxious form of murder.

To kill the country's enemy in time of war may be an act of patriotism. But to kill an intimate friend or acquaintance is justly regarded as a more heinous offense than taking the life of one entirely unknown and hence less bound to a person by the ties of friendship. To assassinate a relative, one of a person's own household, is still more revolting; and the terrible nature of the tragedy becomes more unbearable, the nearer the consanguinity of the murdered one.

To come still nearer to self, is to commit the crime of suicide, or self-murder. From the analogies just mentioned, this would appear to be the gravest form of violation of the commandment that forbids the taking of human life.

We conclude that suicide is murder. Life is the gift of God; and we have no inherent right to destroy that which we cannot restore.

Suicide is cowardice. What the world needs is courage and a good example. Men are inspired by the sight of a man struggling on against ad-

verse conditions, and are depressed and amazed at the act of any one who robs mankind of the service he is still able to render.

"No one liveth unto himself," says the apostle. To kill one's self is to rob others. It was the work of other men that placed each of us where we are today. That debt we cannot repay directly to those whose sacrifices and struggles tended to make our own condition more tolerable. But we can repay the debt to humanity. Has any one a greater right to rob humanity than to rob an individual?

The suicide, then, is an ingrate as well as a "quitter." He can forget or disregard the pangs of pain of the mother who passed through the valley of the shadow of death to give him birth; forget the sacrifices his own family and others have made for his advancement; forget the inheritance he has derived from former generations and remembering only his present trouble, can be ungrateful enough to surrender, play the coward, and give up.

It is true that many brave men have preferred death to dishonorable living, and that some have even inflicted it by their own hand; yet Hamlet, who desired to perish, lamented that the Almighty had fixed his decree against self-slaughter. Even the brave may make mistakes.

For the man of today it should be a sufficient deterrent to know that self-destruction is a crime against society, against himself, and against his Creator.

More people cuss than cry over spilled milk.

As a "stay-in" in the limelight Castro is a great success.

Governor Johnson just didn't have the heart to refuse.

Love will find a way even if it is a wayward wind.

The lady who climbed Mount Huras-caran had a Peck of trouble.

A sailor's life isn't all receptions and welcomes by kindred across the sea.

Strange that "landslides" are not used as landmarks in the political field.

Men change their political principles long before they change their parties.

Men are almost as safe in following their inclinations as their judgment.

It is rather strange that no one has offered Judge Taft a hobby horse to ride.

"Young men for war, Young Turks for council," they say in Constantinople.

Even the politicians might learn a few tricks from that famous Minnesota mule.

If all the people could be fooled all the time life would lack variety, which is its spice.

It is easier to find a needle in a haystack than the office boy when you want him.

Dr. Wiley should give his attention to "gained oratory" and see if it is pure intellectual food.

Public sentiment will be with the courts every time they impose a fine on reckless chauffeurs.

Anyhow, Mrs. "Jack" Gardner does not feel that she owes Uncle Samuel a debt of gratitude.

Cry of the campaign financiers: Small contributions thankfully received, larger ones in proportion.

Before going too far with their insanity defense Captain Hains' counsel would do well to study thoroughly the Thaw case.

It is said that when Mr. Taft explodes he exclaims "Fie!" and when Mr. Bryan explodes he says "Pury!" What would the army in Flanders say to that?

Governor Hughes is fast becoming the great political storm center. The better part of the people of the Empire state love him for the enemies he has made.

That trick mule is still unnamed though the correspondent who undertook to ride it and didn't has called it every name he could think of. But like him they have failed to stick.

Today at Ottawa, Ill., they are celebrating the semi-centennial of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. It is an odd thing to do but if it is to be done they are the most historic debates on record and a better choice could not be made.

"AMERICANS."

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
For years Canadians have protested against the appropriation by the people of the United States of the designation "American." They have held that it is presumptuous and improper for the people of a nation to take unto themselves the name of a continent. Canadians, Mexicans, Peruvians, Bolivians, Nicaraguans all have theoretically as much right to be called Americans as have the people of the United States. But all these are blessed with a country with a name. The people of our country, on the other hand, are handicapped in this respect, for the nation really has no name at all. It is merely a collection of confederate states, and accepts this as a makeshift designation. We may be Ohioans or Kentuckians or Virginians or Vermonters, but it is going too far to ask us to call ourselves United Statesians or United Statesians. We have to take the title "Americans" because we have no other.

DEADLY RACE HATRED.

San Francisco Chronicle.
The vessel of civilization is very thin. It used to be a saying that "if you scratch a tartar you will find a savage," and it seems to be about equally true that if you scratch anybody you will find a savage. A crime committed by one negro resulted in indiscriminate attacks by hordes of white American savages on every negro in the capital of Illinois, and it required more than a soldier's put an end to the horror. And yet there is no reason to doubt that the average morality of the negroes of Springfield is quite as high as that of the white population

of that city. The outbreak was the result of deep-seated race hatred, which is as strong in America as in Africa or Asia. When the wild tribes of Africa seize upon stray white men and murder them, the world cries out in horror and sends "punitive expeditions" to revenge the murder by killing as many as possible of the offending tribe and incidentally seizing and keeping their territory. One cannot but wonder whether, if there were an emperor of Uganda with soldiers and sailors enough to enforce his will, he would be justified in sending a punitive expedition to Springfield, Ill., and erasing it from the face of the earth. The savagery and villainy of the white rioters of Springfield were a hundred-fold greater than was shown by Theodore.

THE LAW WAS NEEDED.

Toledo Blade.
The department of agriculture, in its latest year book, grimly describes the things which the microscope revealed to the experts. Pepper contained a large percentage of ground olive stones. A chocolate coating preparation was found to be made of cocoa shells, corn starch, beef tallow and mineral matter sufficient to fix the color. In adulterating celery seed, ground rock was employed, in some instances the foreign material being as high as 40 per cent of the whole. How many cases of indigestion were caused, how many operations for appendicitis were made necessary, how many deaths were brought about, there is no guessing. The terror that hung over the period would have been as black as a tornado cloud had it been something tangible. Surely, the pure food law came in time.

JUST FOR FUN.

Of Course.
Smith—Do you believe a man can do two things at the same time?
Jones—Certainly. He can stand on his dignity while sitting on a jury.—Ex.

Yes, Indeed.
"I struck three people with my auto in one week; it is distressing!"
"Name your auto 'Work' and more people will be able to dodge it."—Houston Post.

Rather!
"That 260-pound halfback wants \$10,000 to matriculate at Harvard."
"Well, beef is getting high."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Information Wanted.
Hix—I always have Dr. Emdee. When my mother-in-law was at death's door he pulled her through.
Dix—Which way did he pull her?—Ex.

Described.
"Pop?"
"Yes, my son."
"What is a harpsichord?"
"A harpsichord, my boy, is an instrument which when heard makes a man feel sorry that he ever said anything unkind about a piano."—Yonkers Statesman.

The Reason Why.
"I hear young Flyer is going to reform."
"What's the matter?"
"I believe he's dead broke."
"But that's the reason why he's wanting to mend."—Baltimore American.

In Advance.
Rankin—When you go to New York you always put up at a first class hotel, do you?
Flyer—Yes, by George! I have to! They won't give me a room till I do.—Chicago Tribune.

An Idea of Business.
"Does your titled son-in-law know anything about business?"
"Well," answered Mr. Cumrox doubtfully, "he has had a lot of experience with promissory notes, and he knows how to get a check cashed."—Washington Star.

A Warning.
Feel around with your foot to see what is tied to it before picking up the easy money proposition.—Florida Times Union.

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