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THE CONSTITUTIONAL CANVASS.

The NEWS has made reference heretofore to the outbreaking of the fever for delegates to the Constitutional Convention, and to some unpleasant features developed in connection therewith. These symptoms have been tried, set down and to the point, and were made from a sense of duty in maintaining and advocating the rights of the people, without regard to political affiliations. Then the matter was allowed to rest, more attention being not being given it for the reason that we were not worried by a fear that any attempt at fraud would be permitted to triumph. We were confident that through the sober and sane judgment of the people, political chicanery would come safely on the side of the right.

In this anticipation we have not been disappointed. The action taken in court in the Sampete prohibition proceedings, by the Utah Commission, through its counsel, requires that the NEWS add a few more words to what has been said. It should be understood that in this position the three Democratic members forming a majority of the Commission were the parties most directly interested, and their vote constituted that body. The Republican minority did not act with them, having taken an opposite view of the case from that held by the majority, therefore the statement made in court did not emanate from the minority. In that statement the Commission admits that it is convinced the Sampete returns have been tampered with, and that there is evidence indicating that the ballot boxes were not given the protection they should have received before they were forwarded to the Commission; but it disclaims all knowledge or supposition that such had been the case until later developments brought the information.

We believe that every intelligent person in the community will give this statement full credence. It was the frank and manly course to pursue under the circumstances, and should strengthen the confidence of the public in the personal and official integrity of the members of the Commission, and in their desire to be fair and just, notwithstanding the machinations of designing persons to entrap them. It is not always easy for men to proceed contrary to those methods which may give their political party an advantage, even if a temporary character, and it is only when they are highminded and honorable that they will do so. That the members of the Commission are in this class is shown in their proceeding.

There have been many keen suspicions cast upon the Commission, and its employes. It is to be hoped that in these we will come to be justifiable they will cease, and that henceforth, intervenors and unsupported accusations will not be accepted as the grounds of which they are groundless. Further proceedings in the courts are now in the way of regular official progress, and their close may be looked for in due time. Meanwhile, the taint of fraud which has attached in these contests that have caused all this trouble and dispute, of any which may be developed hereafter, should receive vigorous attention from the proper officials.

COLOR AND SOUND.

One of the more startling scientific discoveries of late years is in regard to the relations existing between sound and color. Recently the only so far been fully presented at a meeting of the American Society for the Extension of University Teaching, held in Philadelphia.

Tone and color are both the perceptible effects of vibration. Many attempts have been made to show a visible analogy in the tones and thoughts over the rate pertinent to sight vibrations per second as the lowest, and 39,000,000,000,000 as the highest. Thus the Lighted and Perfect Type will give the primary tones as lustrous and illustrous harmony, as a result of now with a highly scientific subject. Some produced by Hilliard's White the range the human ear hears, while demonstrations show that certain animals are capable of even higher notes, in spite that human beings cannot distinguish them. Less absolute silence.

To conclude that there is no sound beyond the limit would be illogical. It is not natural to suppose that every vibration of matter results in a note, the pitch of which is increased as the vibrations increase, and if we would conceive of an ear so constituted as to be affected thereby, it would be in a position to form a perfect idea of the "harmony of silence."

If the vibrations of matter below sound, however, be those of millions a second they again cease to be perceptible to human senses, although no longer as sound but as color, not red to the "violet" end of the scale. As the vibrations are still increased we have successively the various colors of the rainbow (also visible to human), and beyond this point the human eye is insensible to the color as it is to the highest notes. Can there not exists beyond the violet as well as below the red a realm which we have not discovered, or, to it is also the home of color, and, were human organs sufficiently sensitive, it would be perfectly feasible to speak of the beautifully blended tones of a piece of music, or the musical harmony of a masterly painting.

In connection with this subject the theory is advanced that the human family is gradually progressing toward the higher notes and colors. Particularly is this noticeable in regard to the delicate tints preferred by civilized nations. Red, yellow and purple were the favorite colors of ancient people while violet, blue and lavender are distinctly modern. Color blindness furnishes evidence of this progress. Persons so afflicted fail to see the "low" colors and particularly red, while they generally have no trouble in perceiving the violet. It seems, therefore, that as the human race becomes more sensitive to the higher color vibrations, the power to see the lower ones diminishes, and it is possible that in course of time red will be among the extinguished colors on the scale, as far as human perception is concerned.

Dreamers of this kind will certainly revive the philosophic speculations as to the reality of the perceptible phenomena of the universe. One of the students boldly asserted that knowledge—obtainable through the media of the command of the human intellect—shall cease; for our senses are distorted as by an imperfect mirror. Science will at last arrive at the conclusion that perfection of knowledge belongs to a sphere where we can see everything more clearly. But it is well to keep in mind that whatever the universe is beyond the limited human comprehension, the perceptible part thereof is exactly what the Creator intended it to be to its inhabitants; if not, they would have been otherwise endowed. As it is, it is the ideal place for the preliminary education necessary to further advancement hereafter. Does it for that purpose to us, "the less of matter."

GUBERNATORIAL SUGGESTIONS.

Several western state legislatures began their sessions this week, and in four of them the messages from their governors have important recommendations upon topics of special interest to Utah. These states are Nebraska, Colorado, Idaho and Wyoming. In Nebraska, the executive suggests legislation in regard to irrigation, and a bill has been introduced into the legislature dealing with the subject. In Colorado, Governor McLaren advises the construction of reservoirs and an extensive system of storage of water for irrigation.

Governor Richards, of Wyoming, enters into an extended discussion of irrigated districts. He urges the state to secure from the government the donation of one million acres of arid land, provided for in the Carey law, and to arrange for the reclamation and control of the land. He advises the legislature to set aside from a state which will give sufficient security to capital to warrant its investment in the construction of irrigating canals, which it throws to be reclaimed abundance of water at reasonable rates and on payments, with a certainty of eventually owning the water in a good title as we will have in the land.

Concerning irrigation upon this topic, he takes up the report of the state engineer relative to the streams that had warned water in Wyoming, and says that it is to be well acquainted with the state's resources preparatory to legislation and extensive interest land, the showing is astonishing. The land that could not be reached by the ordinary means of the state during the past two years due to the high and rates to expect that the further land that may be taken $1,000,000 per year are sent out of Wyoming, never to return, in payment for farm products that could be grown at home, taken in connection with the vast wealth of iron and water power, the value of all, awaiting only the home labor of labor and capital intelligently applied to be turned into wealth, poses the agricultural resources upon the people, as represented Remarks regarding the improvement that any state capital within the state, says that "Wood is used in most farmers. To get coal we must go to the mines, and pay enormous rates for it, providing some with money and the facilities for creating a livelihood." This provision, he states, can be made through an efficient irrigation system, and in no other way known to be available.

Upon this same important subject, Governor McConnell, of Idaho, makes some valuable suggestions. He considers the difficulties to be met with in his state, points out the importance of immediate action, indicates many of the benefits to be derived from a good irrigation system, calls attention to the necessity of legal regulations for the distribution of water and gives relief to settlers who are subject to exorbitant charges by corporations which own large ditches, and makes a fortunately recommendations in his report.

The plan of providing for the storing of surplus water, irrigation districts and allowing each district or district to own water rates, and if need be, mortgage the land of the district, seems to be the best point yet. I understand that a plan has taken to appoint a private a bill. Governor McConnell has certainly made a good start in the right direction, and there should be no hesitation in giving him the fullest support in every reasonable way, and have the legislature to assist their work, and have should be enacted as nearly as possible upon a few comments. Our state ought to report their work, and I hope you, as delegate, especially to assist work, and lend me in your capacity.

All the suggestions have again this absorbing topic go to emphasize the wisdom of Utah's pioneer leaders and settlers in making agriculture the basis of their successful efforts to establish themselves in this region. It is the branch of industry which primarily provides people with homes and the means of insuring a livelihood. In going upon Utah's stability and prosperity, the leaders of thought in surrounding states are imagining their feet, and now prepare to make good use of the knowledge it brings to them. The people of this Territory directly connected with irrigation and agricultural pursuits should be on the alert to further develop progressive ideas relating thereto, and when our neighbors have caught up to the present example shown them, should have more of something good in this line to turn to pattern after.

The message of each of the governors referred to breathes a spirit of liberality and progressiveness not always so generally characteristic of the documents, and indicates the existence of a free purpose for a free, active and prosperous commonwealth in the great West. In this connection may be named Governor McDonald's recommendation regarding Utah's election law. He thinks the fact that the last legislature of the state amended and greatly improved the objectionable law indicates that the objectionable law indicates the previous the previous now [illegible]

I think that the action so amended should have attention, and the amendment which relate to illegal or plural marriages. The law as it stands is perfected as well as it appears to the Church, in the latter case, but the expression that it has no participation with the members of that church, the disenfranchised that they are seeking our approving opinion. An analysis of our prime record will prove this to be the case. The provision is a serious misconception of our church law and should be stricken out.

While there may be some interior matters to citizens in the messages of the governors herein mentioned, yet taken altogether, if the sentiments expressed are indicative of the substantial policy that will be pursued in these four states during 1894 and 1895, the inhabitants thereof certainly should be greatly benefited and improved thereby, and should take long strides toward better conditions than even they enjoy at present.

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