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A WORD IN SEASON.

It was fondly hoped by the majority  
of the majority at the latest municipal  
election, that the result of the fusion  
of parties in protest against plutocratic  
rule and factional strife, would be a  
union of the new officials for the public  
interest. What was most desired  
was the suppression of that partisan  
spirit which subordinates public affairs  
to party projects and personal ambitions.  
The disposition to ignore merit when it  
was exhibited by the other side, and to reward or purchase  
influence regardless of merit when it  
favored the side of the manipulators,  
has been the bane of this municipality.  
It will have to be stamped out under  
the feet of the people, if it takes several  
more determined efforts to effect  
the needed reform.

The general officers of the city who  
will enter upon their duties with the  
opening of the new year, understand  
that they hold their positions by virtue  
of votes from citizens of both parties.  
And the majority in the City  
Council should be impressed with the  
fact that they occupy that position  
by a very narrow margin. This is a  
pointed indication of the popular sentiment,  
and ought to admonish the  
leaders of the party to which they belong,  
that municipal interests are to be  
the first consideration. This of  
course must be understood on both  
sides. Partisanship must not be put  
uppermost from either standpoint.

From that which has been effected  
recently, the fear has arisen that the  
good work of the November election  
is likely to be marred, in the very  
manner that was deemed a menace  
to municipal progress. The partisan  
trick resorted to just before the end of  
the present term, for the plain purpose  
of embarrassing if not of thwarting the  
incoming administration, appears to be  
but a sign of what is intended when the  
new term begins. Instead of conciliation,  
sincere union for the public good,  
hearty co-operation of all branches of  
the city service, friendly conference  
and fair consideration of the claims of  
either side, the outlook is clouded with  
set schemes of a strictly partisan  
character, secret wheels within visible  
wheels, determination to rule or block  
the way, pipe-laying for future political  
ends, and the old strife-brewing elements  
of confusion.

We regret this very much. And we  
express the sentiment of the majority  
of our citizens. It is strongly desired  
that the legislative and executive departments  
of the city shall be entirely  
harmonious. They cannot be, when  
personal or party ends are fostered by  
either. Of course there will naturally  
be demands of a partisan character  
from both directions, for they cannot  
be obliterated in a single effort, even  
at the polls. But we believe they can  
all be settled amicably and fairly, if  
the public interest is made paramount,  
and if the elected municipal officers are  
left to manage these matters without  
the domination or interference of party  
manipulators on either side.

The great and preponderating aim of  
the people who united their forces at the  
polls last November, was to establish  
and maintain a municipal government  
from which rank partisanship should  
be eliminated. It was hoped that the  
unseemly squabbling and miserable  
disensions of the past would be ended,  
and that there would be union instead  
of discord, and courtesy instead of spite.  
We want a city here worthy of its situation  
and opportunities, and we will never have  
it unless its interests stand first and foremost  
with its elected and appointed officers.

And we will add a gentle warning  
to our friends who have plans in view  
for future party success. It is this:  
If the people of this city discover that  
the purpose they had in view in the  
fusion of forces at the last election has  
been frustrated or obstructed, by either  
party, the source of the evil will be  
known and understood, and it will  
work far more to the detriment than

the benefit of the party held responsible.  
Now why not drop all personal  
and partisan intrigues, look at the situation  
fairly yet generously, and pull  
together for the public interest and the  
common good?

## ISLAM'S CHALLENGE.

According to a Vienna dispatch, well-informed  
observers of current events expect that in the early spring, Russian  
troops will enter Bulgaria, while  
Austrian soldiers will occupy Serbia.  
The prediction is based on the supposition  
that the reform schemes demanded  
and agreed to, will not be carried out,  
and that the political situation in the  
Balkan states will become such as to demand military interference.  
It is explained that the occupation  
will be temporary, and last only until  
perfect peace and tranquility are restored.  
But it is safe to say that if the two  
powers lay hold of any of the Balkan  
states, they will keep them. The history  
of Manchuria will be repeated. A move  
such as that would be another blow on the  
feet of the Turkish empire. It would be  
a notice to Islam that its days on this  
side of the Bosphorus are numbered.

In this connection it is interesting to  
read a challenge issued by the head of the  
holy Islamic League, Sheikh Abdul Hagk of  
Bagdad. The league endeavors to unite the  
Mohammedan world in defense of the common  
principles. The sheik, as quoted in The  
Literary Digest, declares that reconciliation  
between Christians and Mohammedans is  
impossible. It is the doctrine of the Deity  
that forms an inseparable barrier between the  
two classes. "It is," he says absolutely  
necessary for you to understand this  
fundamental fact that the whole structure  
of Mohammedan faith is based on the doctrine  
of the unity of the one God, who is absolute,  
without limitations or restrictions, eternal,  
who has never been begotten and who has  
begotten none other. This article of our  
faith is in direct opposition to Christian  
teaching. Through this article the Christian  
dogma of the trinity becomes the sworn enemy  
of the God of Islam. The absolute hostility of  
these two fundamental doctrines is a cruel  
trial to the patience of every Mohammedan.  
Ye Christians, educated as you are from your  
youth in the doctrines of your church, can have  
no conception of the terror and disgust that  
overcome our souls at the very mention of the  
word trinity." He also reminds Europe of the  
crusades, which, he says are being continued in  
various forms now, and adds:

"Ye Christian conquerors, know well that no  
skill or science, no money or treasure, no miracle,  
will ever reconcile us to such a godless  
supremacy. Know ye that the very sight of your  
flags flying in our lands is torment for the  
soul of a Moslem. Your boasted good deeds are  
just so many stains of dishonor that have  
befouled our consciences, and our most urgent  
prayer is that the great day may soon come  
when we can wipe out the last traces of your  
accursed rule. And yet through your very  
enormities we have derived benefit. They have  
taught us how to know ourselves better. We  
now know that we are three hundred million  
strong. We have needed organization and  
concentration, and you have forced us to take  
these steps. Islamic unity is now becoming a  
reality from one end of the earth to the other,  
and a holy zeal is uniting us and driving us to  
our inevitable destiny. We do not fear your  
threats or your arms. What do you care for the  
wings of the world? Victory or defeat are in the  
hands of God alone. It is our duty to die right-  
ly, and the world has learned during the past  
thirteen centuries that the Moslem knows how to  
die."

This is but a straw indicating the direction  
of the wind. The Christian powers are  
dallying with the Balkan questions, until they  
will find themselves confronted, not by a  
"sick man," but by a tremendous organization  
that knows no distinction between state and  
church, between everyday life and religion—an  
organization enthusiastically desirous of death on  
the battle-field.

## STARTLING CLAIMS.

At last two startling discoveries have  
been announced these days. The San Francisco  
Call says one Prof. Gage claims to have  
perfected a new method for extracting radium  
from ore. It is said to be simplicity itself. He  
also says that the world soon will be given an  
electric battery of new construction, that has  
astounding power, compressed into small compass.  
Its construction resembles that of the ordinary  
dry electric battery, but it is so small that it  
can easily be contained in an ordinary size  
vial and carried in the vest pocket.

Page claims that one of these batteries,  
not exceeding in size a child's finger, will  
produce sufficient force to knock down fifty  
persons standing in a ring with their hands  
clapsed. "With batteries charged with this new  
radium preparation," the professor says, "I will  
guarantee to startle the scientific world with  
my experiments. I will guarantee to run a big  
automobile filled with passengers a distance of  
300 miles with one charge. This is only one  
of my many things which I will guarantee."

Another startling announcement is made  
in a dispatch from London, which says that E. J.  
Kibblewhite, an old journalist, claims to possess  
the true elixir of life, and asserts with absolute  
confidence that he can restore withered and  
hardened skins to the freshness and plumpness  
of early youth. He himself, we are told, is  
certainly a living testimony to the truth of his  
extraordinary claim as regards the latter part  
of it at least. Although he is 55 years of age  
and has spent forty of those years in the wear  
and tear of journalistic care, he does not look  
more than forty, it is said. His hands are as  
smooth and as delicate as those of a woman,  
and there is not a wrinkle on his face. The  
truthful journalist does not care, this time, to  
publish the details of his secret, but he makes  
the statement that he believes that in the near  
future no person need die this side of 100  
years of age. He believes that the real cause of  
what is called "death from old age" is the gradual  
oxidation of the flesh by the clogging of the  
pores by lime and other earthly residues of  
the food consumed, much of which is admittedly  
of an insoluble nature. Consequently, if these sub-

stances can be dissolved and extracted, life can  
be prolonged. How to do this he claims to have  
learned from a mysterious visitor, and to have  
perfected the method.

We give the above statements for what they  
are worth. They indicate the direction of human  
thought in this century. The efforts to solve  
mysteries are as earnest as in the days of the  
search for the philosopher's stone. Methods of  
pursuit change, but the goal remains practically  
the same—life and gold.

## CHICAGO'S STRIKE.

The Chicago strikers who interfere with the  
funerals cannot count on popular sympathy. The  
dead must be buried. They cannot be kept indefinitely,  
to accommodate strikers. They must be buried  
decently, too; people will not transfer the remains  
of their loved ones to the last resting place without  
the usual tokens of esteem, when neither wars  
nor epidemics desolate the lands. Strikers who  
permit themselves to interfere under such  
circumstances are their own worst enemies. Their  
cause is being damaged irreparably by a form of  
lawlessness that has no regard for the living,  
no reverence for death, no sympathy with sorrow.  
If the public call upon the police and the military  
if need be, to break the shackles of tyranny that  
take such an abominable form, there should be no  
complaint. The government exists for the protection  
of the people against brute force in the service  
of injustice. It has been well said that it is an  
unwritten law of humanity which none may violate  
without suffering the everlasting contempt of the  
world. Brutal intrusion into the house of mourning  
or wanton interruption of the funeral procession are  
unspeakable infamies. They are beyond human  
toleration. Neither plea nor reason can palliate a  
thing so monstrous.

Many a man owes his success in life to his creditors.

"Tibet or not Tibet, that's the question" in London.

Children believe that Santa Claus is the real father of his country.

The motto of the Chicago liverymen seems to be: Let the dead bury the dead.

The strikers do not like the Governor. They say that all is well that ends well.

It is now several days since the yellow press operated upon the Kaiser's throat.

Cuba has recognized Panama. It is a case where one touch of nature has made them kin.

No stocking was ever put to better use than little children put it to on Christmas eve.

Franchetti, the composer, having bought the Garisenda tower, it probably went for a song.

A great many people who didn't get what they wanted yesterday, got something equally good.

Marie Corelli got five cents damages. That makes her cause look less than thirty cents.

The cause of Chicago liverymen's strike is that the employees and employers don't hitch on terms.

Bologna's famous Garisenda leaning tower has been sold. The purchaser probably had a lien on it.

The little girl thinks more of the dolly of her mamma than the little boy does of the dollar of his daddy.

A Boston paper says that Professor Langley is a gentleman and a scholar. But he doesn't seem to be a good judge of airships.

It begins to look as though Russia and Japan's differences would eventually end in nothing more than a war of words.

Milwaukee wants the Prohibition

convention. Merely for the novelty of the thing and not for the sake of temperance.

And now Great Britain has recognized the republic of Panama. If Colombia were not blind with rage, she also would recognize it.

A learned professor of Harvard says that some slang words are beautiful and poetic. This shows that he is on to his job all right enough.

"Mr. Smoot is to be allowed to explain to the senate why he took but one wife when he had the opportunity to round up a whole bunch of loving helpmates," says the Denver Post. The very head and front of his offending hath this extent, no more.

The Logan Journal issued a Christmas number of twenty pages containing many interesting and instructive articles, and giving evidence of enterprise which ought to be appreciated by the people of Cache county and of all northern Utah.

The Los Angeles Express of December 19 is a mammoth edition of that live paper. It consists of eighty pages of well written matter, finely illustrated neatly printed and full of information and attractive articles. The City of the Angels may justly feel proud of its local press, for it is in the front rank of modern journalism.

The demise of Father Owen at the advanced age of nearly 94 years, takes from us an old and valued friend, a good citizen and a faithful member of the Church. He has gone to a well-earned rest, and he will be remembered as a quiet but firm and steadfast veteran in the cause of human redemption, who never faltered or failed from the beginning to the close of his earthly career. He is numbered with the blest.

## ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Springfield Republican.

Methodist voices are being raised against the heresy which has been started in that denomination. Rev. Dillon Bronson said in St. Mark's church in Brookline Sunday: "Our church is large enough to hold men with diversities of opinions and interpretations. We are called to evangelize the nation, and not to quarrel among ourselves. When we condemn the narrow bigotry of 1909 years ago we must take heed we fall not into the same ditch." And again Rev. William H. Butler in the East Weymouth church: "A heresy trial is flatteringly opposed to the whole genius of Methodism." There were many utterances along the same line in pulpits outside of that denomination, which need not be referred to. It is all a good advertisement for the heresy hunters, and something of a trial, perhaps, to Prof. Bowne of Boston university—but that is all.

Kansas City World.

Prof. Bourne, one of the teachers of Boston university is charged with heresy by some of the ministers of his church and a great fuss is being made about it. It is safe to predict, however, there will be no public heresy trial such as the country was treated to a few years ago. The day for such things is past. Heresy hunting nowadays is a dangerous sport. Heresy trials are unprofitable in every way. The standard known as "orthodoxy" is constantly changing. As some one has said, the modern definition is this: "Orthodoxy is my doxy, heterodoxy is your doxy." The hearing committee may declare the accused a heretic, but there will be many who will say the verdict is wrong. Besides—Truth is not determined by these trials. People take sides. They become partisans. These prosecute. Those defend. And there you are.

Christian World and Evangelist.

The tendency of science today is pronouncedly towards a teleological view, which sees the necessity for a Supreme Intelligence working to a definite end, adequately to account for cosmic conditions; it is this which passed Mr. Spencer's ken, and which was dwelling upon Mr. Darwin, as suggested in the last work which he gave to the world, when the pen fell from his hand forever. One step further taken by Mr. Spencer would have insured him that place which he has missed, but which the outlook now is well taken by later philosophers. The work of assailing Final Causes and thus ruling the Creator out of His universe has about ceased. Instead a First Great Cause has become a probability. The absolute necessity for a Supreme Infinite Intelligence in accounting for the existing order is the next step; and the world's philosophers who would have a hearing will be obliged to take it. And such is the evolution of Truth—first, denial; then probability; then Acceptance.

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