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THE CITIZENS' MOVEMENT.

The comments by local contemporaries on the Citizens' movement are characteristic. The Tribune takes the view that since the Citizens declare that national politics have no place in a municipal election, the movement is unnecessary, the so-called "American" party filling the bill to a dot.

But everybody knows that the leaders of the so-called American party are anti-"Mormon" and that one of their great political aims is to make the party an engine of persecution, in violation of the spirit of American government and twentieth century civilization. Everyone knows that the leaders of that party, last fall, publicly proclaimed their purpose to be to drive innocent men into prison or exile, if they were given control of the offices, and that the Tribune endorsed such ravings. A party that proclaims itself anti-"Mormon," or anti-Catholic, or anti-Semitic, or anti-infidel, has absolutely no right to existence under the American flag. And when it is found entrenched in an American community it becomes the duty of American citizens to oppose it by all legitimate means, and restore normal conditions.

The Citizens, as far as we know, have no objection to the "American" party as such. Voters have a right to combine and flock together for the purpose of conducting their government in accordance with the views of the majority. The objection is to the anti-"Mormon" sentiment that was injected into that party; to the wilful misrepresentations of the Church and Church leaders that have been its source of strength, and to the corruption that has characterized its office holders. Citizens of all parties, including the "American," are sick and tired of the strife and contention the "American" party leaders have caused in this community, and of the infamous falsehoods their paid tools have spread abroad about Utah. They are sick and tired of having officials whose blunders cost the City $100,000 a piece. That is why a real Citizens' ticket, a real American party, now seem to be the need of the hour.

Our friend, the Republican, takes the view that the rejection of a Prohibition plank in the platform was an insult to the Prohibitionists. This is rather strange. The Citizens' movement has absolutely nothing to do with the Prohibition agitation. We may say that it started with no other motive than the rescue of the City from the clutches of the "incompetents" and "derelicts" that now rule and ruin. As the Republican knows, the Citizens' movement was so far from being a Prohibition movement that it was started with a view to presenting the name of Hon. Sam. Newhouse before the voters as the head of the ticket, his consent first having been obtained. It was perfectly well understood that the Prohibition question was to be kept out of this campaign. It was perfectly well understood that the best that can be accomplished in this campaign is to redeem the City from the control of an element hostile to its interests.

This is a platform on which all can unite. And it is perfectly evident that there can be no success except as a result of the united efforts of good citizens of all parties.

PROHIBITION ANNIVERSARY.

On September the 24th, the Prohibition party will celebrate the fortieth anniversary of its organization in this country, and the press is giving a liberal amount of space in a consideration of its achievements.

There may be a question as to whether the wonderful advance in temperance and restrictive legislation is to be credited exclusively to the one party, but there can be no doubt that the cause for which the party stands is constantly gaining friends in all parties and this should be a matter of satisfaction to the Prohibitionists.

The Chicago Post prints an interview with the National Chairman Charles R. Jones, in which the following paragraphs occur:

"We are very proud of one fact in connection with our anniversary. No other party in the United States can claim so many living candidates for President as we have invited to our coming celebration.

"There are ten surviving standard-bearers and there have been ten presidential campaigns in which the Prohibition party has been represented. We have as many living national candidates as both the Democratic and Republican parties put together, which, by the way, is a unique tribute to the staying qualities of the Prohibitionist. We expect to have all, or nearly all, of these leaders present. They represent one of more candidates of eight of our ten presidential campaigns.

"Of remarkable interest on the occasion of our anniversary celebration will be the reading of the keynote platform of the Prohibition party, adopted in its opening convention. The remarkable thing about this initial declaration is that in every word it is as timely and up-to-date at the present moment as it was forty years ago."

It is very evident that the labor for temperance performed by the Prohibitionists is not lost. No labor in the service of virtue is of vain even if it at times appears so. The seed sown in good, well prepared soil might be supposed to be lost when hidden in the ground and covered with snow, but the secret forces of nature are at work all the time, nurturing, warming, fostering the life germ and preparing it for a glorious reappearance in due time. It is so with all good work. It is never in vain.

A BELATED CONFESSION.

If the Citizens' movement for good city government has resulted in no other benefit to the community, it has at least drawn the so-called American party organ to the penitents' bench. It has caused it to confess that the party "has made some mistakes, that are regrettable," and that these mistakes were due to "the work of incompetent officials, self-seeking politicians, or to men who have never had the welfare of the party at heart."

This confession comes rather late, but it embodies the truth. The party has been domineered by self-seeking politicians who has had only their own interests at heart, and the City has suffered, in consequence. By the organ's own admission a short time ago, the blunders of one official has cost the City $100,000. And if the Mayor is correctly quoted by a friend, he would have been able to save $200,000 to the City, had the self-seeking politicians been willing to let him apply business methods to the administration. No wonder that vast sums of the people's money have been paid out foolishly; no wonder that the status of the finances of the city is such that even the councilmen despair of being able to ascertain the truth at the auditor's office, or anywhere else.

It is perfectly true that "incompetents and derelicts and self-seekers" to quote the organ again, have obtained preferment. But the confession of the organ cannot at this time be accepted as sincere. It is very much in the nature of a death-bed repentance. It is defeat that stares the organ in the face, because the better element of the party, that never did belong under the anti-American standard, is tired of persecution of the "Mormons," or any other church, as well as of the "blunders" that cost the City $100,000 a piece. It is this prospective defeat that has driven the "organ" to make an admission of guilt. If the citizens listen to these mournful strains and again place the so-called "inner circle" in a position to dictate to the City administration, there will be another two years of office holding by "incompetents and derelicts and self-seekers." The party will have to emancipate itself both from the self-assumed tyranny of the "inner circle," whoever they are, and from the demoralizing influence of the Tribune before it is fit to direct the affairs of any American community, in which liberty, equality and fraternity ought to be the rule.

WANTS A DIVISION.

The Los Angeles Express of Sept. 13, advocates the division of California and the creation of a new state out of the southern part. The suggestion is that Los Angeles take the initiative and call a conference of representative men, to deliberate upon the matter and submit propositions to the people.

"Southern California," the Express says, "has reached a crisis in her history. Recent events have demonstrated that her safety, security and progress demand the division of the state. Otherwise each act of injustice will but lead to another, each discrimination to greater discrimination, and every tyranny to larger tyrannies. If we tamely submit to the outrage heaped on the Southern section of the state by the board of equalization, we shall find ourselves the victims of injustices even more outrageous. Let us have done with speech and prepare for action."

What the real trouble is cannot be gathered from the article, but there seems to be dissatisfaction with the manner in which the tax burdens are distributed. "Southern California," we read, "has reached a period now in which she finds herself so greatly hampered, injured and oppressed by unfair exactions, cruel injustices and tyrannous requirements that she begs to be permitted to work out her separate destiny freed from an association that has become too burdensome longer to endure."

We suppose it is legitimate to advocate secession within a sovereign state, though the doctrine of the right of a state to secede from the Union has been repudiated by the Nation. We fancy, however, there will be strong opposition to the proposed division, among Eastern politicians who fear the addition of too many Western representatives in Congress.

MILK FOR OLD AGE.

A London dispatch has it that the good people of London are experimenting with Metchnikoff's remedy against old age—sour milk.

Professor Metchnikoff, the noted Russian physiologist, as will be remembered, some time ago, advanced the theory that sour milk is a great preservative of youth. In France the elixir has been tried for some time. The French have been consuming large quantities of bonny-clabber, or perhaps rather something similar to the beverage known among Russians as koumiss.

The theory is that the germs in the sour milk will, when swallowed, attack and devour the old-age germs which Metchnikoff believes are unwelcome guests in the human system. The result is a postponement of the usual infirmities of old age.

The proposed remedy is simple enough, and no harm can come from trying it. Milk, in any form, when taken from healthy animals and kept in clean vessels, is undoubtedly the very best kind of food. As a beverage it surpasses any, except clear, cool water. It is not an empty figure of speech to say that milk is a true elixir of life. Not whether it will do all that Metchnikoff has claimed for it, is another question.

LIKE OTHER MORTALS.

"One half of the world does not know how the other half lives," may be literally true, or not, but it is certain that one part of the human family is very much misunderstood by the other. The rich are inclined to believe that unless a man has money—plenty of it—life is only a dreary desert with burning sand and piercing thorns, while the poor are apt to suppose that the commander of millions is wearing himself out in the pursuit of gold, without a moment's enjoyment of life. "Poor Harriman!" they say; "he never had any pleasure in life."

Those who knew Harriman say this is an error. This great man, we are told, was capable of laying aside of an evening all the affairs that occupied his master mind during the day and enjoying himself entirely in the circle of his loved ones. He also found pleasure in philanthropy. He had a boys' home in New York which he visited with great regularity. He had numerous other charities in which Mrs. Harriman was interested with him, and he could always find time to pay them a visit when she desired to go.

Harriman, one writer tells us, was very fond of a good joke, and could tell a good story. He worked hard, but he found pleasure in life, just as any common mortal.

Happiness is really independent of outward circumstances. It comes from the heart. If the heart is right; if it is open to sunshine; if it is responsive to human needs, prompting to the performance of duty, it has its measure of happiness, no matter what the station in life may be. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

BEYOND CONTROVERSY.

"Incompetents, derelicts and self-seekers," who hold official positions in Salt Lake City, by virtue of "American" party supremacy, must be rank and insupportable indeed to call for the strictures and repudiation of their organ.

After denying for four years that its so-called party had been managed by "self-seekers," that its primaries and conventions were invariably packed and controled by political "derelicts," and that many of its officials, as a natural result, were "incompetents," the Salt Lake Tribune finally comes to the front in a confession which is boxed, leaded, capitalized and conspicuously displayed on the front page as if it was springing a sensation.

Our contemporary should not harbor the delusion that it has a "scoop" in this announcement. In other words and by other newspapers the facts have been proclaimed many times before. Nor do we mean to insinuate that the Tribune has just found it out.

But why does its confession come now? Is it a sort of death bed repentance? Or has the Tribune been listening with its ear to the ground? Has it been awakened to a sense of danger until self preservation prompts the sacrifice of its friends? Has it decided to abandon and assail those whom it has upheld, the past four years, in the vain hope that better men are looking for its championship and association during the next few years?

But let us examine carefully the exact words of the Tribune:

"Most of its (The American party's) mistakes were due to the work of incompetent officials, self seeking politicians, or to men who have never had the welfare of the party at heart. Men have sought and obtained office who have not made good."

Their organ then proceeds by catechism to explain the situation as follows:

"How did these incompetents and derelicts and self seekers obtain preferment? How did they secure nominations or appointments? Simply because the majority of the better element of Americans stayed away from the primaries and permitted those who did attend to be overwhelmed by the followers of the self seekers and incompetents."

'Who has suffered?" then inquires the Tribune. To which it answers:

"Every true friends of Americanism in Salt Lake."

This is true. Every real American has suffered because of this incompetency of pretended "Americans" who have assumed that name for the purpose of getting a job or perpetuating a superannuated row.

The City has suffered. The taxpayers have suffered. Everybody has suffered, because of the "incompetents, derelicts and self seekers" who have "secured nominations and appointment," not because of any standing in the community or fitness for the place, but solely and notoriously because of services rendered the so-called "American" party.

And the City will continue to suffer, real Americanism will continue to be ashamed and would-be oracles will continue to apologize, so long as any party founded on disappointment, fed on turmoil, led by political "derelicts" and burdened with "incompetent and self-seeking" office holders, is able to perpetuate itself in power.

Isn't it about time for some harmonious and aggressive movement of citizens and taxpayers, irrespective of party, looking to the replacement of these "incompetents and self seekers" by able, honest and courteous officials of whom even the Tribune might be proud?

Cook is not Peary's affinity.

The whole country suffers from the Pole evil.

President Taft might be called the circuit rider.

Fools rush in whether angels fear to tread or not.

Many a young man sows some of his wild oats in the grain pit.

It is easier living up to one's income than up to one's ideals.

It looks as though the next monetary panic might be made in Germany.

It is the theory of the postmaster-general that barking dogs do bite.

Some people stretch the truth when speaking of the length of a stretcher.

It is hard for the head of a family to catch up with his running expenses.

In leaving all his property to his wife, the late Mr. Harriman followed a Sage example.

In making speeches along his route of travel President Taft is sticking close to the (rear) platform.

It would have profited Commander Peary more if he had sent wordless instead of wireless messages.

Lieutenant Matthew Henson's story of camping around the North Pole seems to be highly colored.

Utah county, not Utah lake, is gradually going dry. A county that does that can be counted upon.

There is no loss without some small gain. When the forests are all gone there will be no danger of forest fires.

Hundreds of girls in Kansas city high schools have never seen a live hog. Are there no end-seat hogs in Kansas City?

President Taft bowed and smiled at miles and miles of Chicago school children. A man who can do that must have a broad smile.

Secretary Ballinger has been most fully vindicated by the President. Mr. Pinchot has not had time to make any comment on the President's action.

In a Coney Island music hall an Apache hurled a tomahawk at a waiter and nearly killed him. Waiters sometimes get tips.

State Food Inspector Hanson is attacking the canning factories. Canning to right of him, canning to left of him, canning in front of him, volleyed and thundered.

Rear Admiral Schrec has proven one thing by his fast voyage to Honolulu, which is that an American fleet can reach Pearl harbor quicker from San Francisco than a Japanese fleet can reach it from Kobe.

MOVING PICTURE SHOWS.

Washington Herald.

A form of entertainment that numbers its patrons by the tens of millions is potent for good or evil. There can be no half-way point. Baseball is wholesome, beneficial, and to be encouraged; the theater, the opera, and the concert play an important part in setting our moral and artistic standards. But recently there has sprung into existence a more popular diversion and one that already outranks all others in its drawing powers. This is the moving picture show. Gathering material from every form of human endeavor, from nature and from art, it can present a most diversified list of subjects, and, relatively speaking, it does. The moving picture show is of a popular character, catering to those whose income will not permit attendance at high-priced theaters; hence the managers feel they must lower the character of their productions to meet the wants of their patrons. For this reason there are nightly depicted in predominating form films which represent scenes in Paris, drinking bouts, various forms of crime, domestic tragedies, and grotesque exaggerations of routine events of life.

MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY.

Ohio State Journal.

Some people take no more interest in public affairs than if they were citizens of Mars. They go to and from their places of business, eat, sleep, sell goods, and die, without leaving a single impress on the community they live in, either for good or bad. That is a poor way for a real man to act. He takes the benefits his community bestows, but refuses to render the slightest service in return. Of course, that is mean. But it is meaner yet to praise oneself for his indifference, as many do. There are some people who put great stress on religious duty, but take no part in civic duty, as if there was a sort of chasm between them. But there is not any such chasm. Religious duty is civic duty, and vice versa, and a man who sees no duty in his relation to civil government takes a mighty laggard view of his duty toward God. The man who insists that he won't dirty his hands in politics is the man who is responsible for politics being dirty. The man who does nothing to keep politics clean is really engaged in keeping them corrupt.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.

It is possible for even happiness itself to become habitual. One may acquire the habit of looking upon the sunny side of things, and he may also acquire the habit of looking upon the gloomy side. You may accustome yourself by a happy alchemy to change the darkest events into materials for hope.

Whatever disappointments you may have, turn them, as the oyster does the the sand which annoys it, into a pearl. There is nothing like heart-varnish to cover up the innumerable evils and defects of life. Cultivate cheerfulness then; the spectres of neglect, unkindness, and despair will fly before it as fog before the sun. There is no profession so forbidding, no work so disagreeable, that a man who strives to extract the utmost happiness from it may not twine about it the roses of fancy, and hide the most of its thorns. Don't grumble, but use to the full the resources of happiness that are available. Happiness depends upon the treatment of what we have and not of what we have not.

JUST FOR FUN.

Boom in the Henyard.

Hank Stubbs—They say business is pickin' up all around.

Bige Miller—That ain't no idle talk, neither; we got two more aigs yesterday than we did the day before.—Boston Herald.

Times Change.

Hudson had just landed.

"And I wasn't treated like a convict, either," he boasted.

Thus we learn it was before the days of the United States customs inspector.—New York Sun.

Measurement.

"Why do you insist on regarding yourself as only half educated?"

"Because," answered the modest man, "I have read only two and a half feet of my five-foot bookshelf."—Washington Star.

Lovey's Thoughtfulness.

"George, dear," said Mrs. Dovekins, who had come down stairs in time to pour the coffee, "I'm going to walk to the car with you this morning. Aren't you glad?"

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