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AN ALARMING SITUATION.

Complaint is made from respectable citizens that this city is being overrun by some of the worst elements of society. Thieves, professional gamblers, swindlers and disreputable creatures of both sexes are flocking into town, and there appears to be no determined and vigorous measures adopted to suppress and remove these evils.

We are reliably informed that gambling has been revived here in its very worst form. That is, in the great increase of "sure-thing" devices and promoters, by which people who indulge in the vice of gambling are fleeced out of their money, not by games of chance, but by "dead open and shut" devices, against which they have no protection if they once are induced to stake their money. Places where these traps are set for the unwary are said to be known to the police, but just now there seems to be an apathy concerning them that is noticeable and remarkable.

We are told of one house owned by a prominent city official, where the very vilest of creatures of many nationalities congregate, and that it is notorious. Why is such a den permitted to openly flourish on one of the chief streets of our city? Has blindness or paralysis overtaken the executive branch of our municipal government? The closing up of gambling in Butte, in Pocatello, in Cripple Creek and other places where everything was formerly "wide open," has purged them largely of the birds of prey that are now headed towards this city? Why? Is it to be understood that Salt Lake is to be "wide open" now that they are shut?

It is certain that the conditions in view call for active measures, to meet the evils increasing here, and to protect the public from the nefarious work of the grafters, hoodlums and plug-uglies and their ilk, and from the deeds of violence that may be expected, if such lawless elements are encouraged or harbored. It is a little singular that this rapid increase of these dangerous classes should occur at this juncture in our municipal affairs. Anyhow, the officers of the law ought to arouse and keep wide-awake and active in their duties.

PRE-ELECTION SCHEMES.

The measures devised for partisan purposes are varied, often corrupt and sometimes laughable. Some schemes that have been adopted locally, and that are now in operation, partake of all these characteristics. But we are prompted to make these remarks by a dodge attempted in Pennsylvania to affect the coming election there. Allegedly has been somewhat afflicted with smallpox. According to the most reliable information, there has not been anything to justify the statement that the disease there is epidemic. But an effort has been made to quarantine the city, and it is alleged that this was only a scheme for election purposes. Press dispatches from Pittsburgh contain the statements here inserted:

"Concerning the expected quarantining the following expressions of opinion were given by officials:
"Allegedly City will not be quarantined and after the election next Tuesday you will hear no more of the alleged smallpox epidemic."—Attorney Foster, City Solicitor.

"I can assure the citizens of Allegheny that there are not today twenty cases of smallpox, and that, too, with a population of over 150,000. All rumors that are being circulated are baseless and unwarranted."—City Physician D. J. Jamison.

"The sanitary condition is good and improving every day. Dr. Bort has not the power to quarantine our city."—Mayor James A. McLaughlin, Superintendent of the Bureau of Health."

Verily, the plots of partisan politicians are unlimited. The people of Salt Lake City should take no stock in them. Nor should they give credence to the assertions on either side of the present contest that victory is certain. Calculations are made upon an assumed basis which may turn out to be fallacious, and the foundation being erroneous, the whole sum is doubtful while it may appear to be mathematical.

Voters should not be influenced by any such pretensions on either side, but should act on their own convictions of what is right and for the best interests of the entire community. "Counting chickens before they are hatched" is a very common partisan employment, just before election day. It has so often proved to have been unprofitable and unreliable, that thinking people ought not to be deceived by such "fairly tales" nor permit such fantasies to swerve them in casting their ballots.

NO SIGNS OF PANIC.

"Are we descending from the heights of prosperity into the valley of hard times?" is a question anxiously asked. In view of certain financial disturbances that have been observed lately,

It is of interest, therefore, to know that the bankers recently assembled in San Francisco in annual convention, expressed themselves as convinced that the country, commercially and financially, is in a most healthy condition. Their verdict was that the so-called wave of prosperity was lifted exceptionally high by speculators and a reaction has set, but that there is no cause for alarm. For some time there will be a diminution of trade, they thought, but the outlook is, nevertheless, promising.

This is, of course, reassuring. There have been some failures of big concerns in this country, and thousands of wage-earners have been laid off. From abroad also are heard the rumblings of financial earthquakes. Only the other day a supposedly safe London bank was saved, only by the Rothschilds advancing \$5,000,000 to prevent a financial crash. The views expressed by the bankers are reassuring in the face of the signs in the east that seem to indicate a coming storm.

Wise people, however, will never forget that lean years are likely to follow the fat ones, and that the former will completely devour the latter, unless some wise arrangement is made to prevent this. If there are signs of disturbances on the financial horizon, they should be heeded in time. Even if years of prosperity still are before this country, it can do no harm to be well prepared for any emergency.

NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

Medical Talk for November has some practical advice anent the coming of winter. Many people think that all they need to do, to protect themselves against the evil influences of the change from hot to cold is to put on warmer clothing and heat their habitations. But the writer in the journal mentioned points out the fallacy of this reasoning. In addition to warm clothing, an abundance of fresh air, sunshine, and good water must be secured.

Speaking of the need of water, we are told that the first few weeks of cold weather are critical for the kidneys, and that more cases of disease of those organs begin in the month of November than at any other time of the year. The reason is that the kidneys, at the beginning of cold weather, are suddenly given an increase of labor to perform. They should therefore be assisted, and this can best be done, we are told, by drinking plenty of good, pure water. To quote:

"A glass of pure water just before each meal is the only medicine in the world that will assist the kidneys. Those who prefer can take the water hot. People of rugged health may prefer to take it cold. So far as its action upon the kidneys is concerned one will do as well as the other. Dyspeptics will find hot water more agreeable than cold water. But whether hot or cold, a glass of water should be drunk before each meal, and another glass at bedtime would not be out of place. A good, juicy, sour apple at bedtime may be substituted for the water if preferred. The apple will be found especially beneficial to those who are inclined to be constipated."

On the question of sunlight, this advice is given:

"In November days sunlight is becoming scarcer and scarcer. Every one should court the sun now. Never miss an opportunity of sitting in the sun or standing in the sun. Open the shades and let every particle of sun in the house that you possibly can. If business confines you to the office or shop, try, if possible, to arrange your seat so that the sun will shine upon you or at least near by. The sun is the greatest of all healing agents. It is the greatest of all antibiotic remedies. Disease germs cannot live in the sunlight. Allow the sun to shine on your clothes. Hang them somewhere so that the sun will shine on them all day. It is a good thing to have changes of clothing, especially underclothing, so that one set is worn one day and the other set the next day. The set that is left off should be hung near a window so that the sun may shine on them as much as possible. This will kill all disease germs that may happen to be in the clothing."

Undoubtedly fresh air, sunshine, pure water, exercise, and properly selected clothing are "necessaries of life." They are now recognized as such. Probably there would be less sickness, if these "necessaries of life" were secured more abundantly. Enlightenment on the subject should be welcome to all who value good health and life.

NOT FINAL.

It may be just as well to bear in mind, that the Alaska decision which has offended some Canadians, does not end the matter. The decision of the commissioners is not the final touch upon the boundary dispute. Another survey must be made and the boundary lines be marked in accordance with the principles laid down by the commission. Then a treaty will be made, which must be ratified by Great Britain and the United States. And first when this is done is the dispute finally settled. In all probability the treaty will be made to accord with the decision, but it can take a long time to make it, and, as everybody knows, "there is many a slip," etc.

To many it might appear that the strip in question is not much to cause contention. The fact, however, is that Alaska will, in a not distant future, if signs do not fail, become a populous and wealthy state of the Union. It is therefore necessary to remove all points of possible misunderstanding with neighbors, and now is a better time to do so than in the future, when the prize to contend for shall have become so much greater and alluring that it appears to be at present. A friendly settlement now may avert a future armed conflict.

PEARY'S PLANS.

Lieutenant Peary the other day, in an address before the National Geographic society, spoke of his Arctic expedition and future plans. He thought that with a strong ship, well equipped, he could almost certainly "hit the pole." Then he asked the question: "Is it worth while?" which he answered in the affirmative. It is worth while, he said, for the valuable additions to science it would yield; it is also worth while, for the prestige it would give to the country. "Abruzzi's expedition," he said, "costing \$200,000, was worth many times its cost to Italy in increased prestige. Abruzzi drove home

to the civilized world the fiber of which Italians are made. Nansen's expedition, fitted out by his king, his parliament, and wealthy private citizens, impressed the world with the material which makes up the descendants of the Vikings."

One passage in his address will attract special attention, and be read with interest. He said:

"The existence of land anywhere between the northern shore of Grant Land and the pole would so greatly simplify my work and reduce its difficulties that I do not let myself dwell upon it. But the possibility is there is an isolated island continent, an arctic Atlantis, with a fauna and flora of its own, with one day and one night in the year, lying there through the blinding days and the opaque nights of countless geologic ages as completely isolated from the world as if it were on Mars. Think of the satisfaction of being such a land out of the heart of the polar sea with the Stars and Stripes of 'Old Glory.' Think of writing upon that land some name to endure indelibly to that day when the heavens shall wither like a scroll, to show forever that we own the top of the earth. Believe me, there is room yet in this prosaic world for a new sensation."

There has been a widespread impression, that the farthest northern Arctic regions consisted only of a deep basin of water upon the surface of which was floating a layer of ice and snow, ever restless, ever in commotion. The famous explorer seems to admit, and rather believe in, the existence of land in those regions with vegetation and animal life of its own. If this conjecture is correct, it is worth while all it costs, to explore that land and add it to the known world.

Canada is getting used to it.

Those who do not pledge their word find no difficulty in keeping it.

Land "graft" frauds seem to be co-extensive with the area of the public lands.

The London police are still "in hot pursuit" of Sagatol Sagoun's murderer.

A good way to invite a child's confidence is to invite its playmates occasionally.

Much of Dowie's talk about newspaper men sounds more like that of a healer than that of a healer.

It is pleasant to think that all the troubles and dangers our soldiers are meeting at Fort Riley are imaginary.

Already the politicians are beginning to worry over which of the various candidates will be in the "also ran" class.

St. Louis may be slow but when it comes to making a run on a bank, her people show a speed that is marvelous to behold.

"Trusty" Johnson has returned to the Penitentiary, but henceforth he will be treated as a "tough" and not as a "trusty."

Candidate McClellan says that "vice is absolutely non-partisan." Would he have it inferred that non-partisanship is absolutely vice?

It would be worth much to be present at the first meeting of Senator Platt and Senator Stewart and hear them exchange confidences.

The Kaiser proposes to erect a bronze monument to the memory of Herr Krupp. How would something in the bronze cannon line do?

Mr. Heinze and Mr. Scallan are making many statements but seemingly doing nothing. More action and less talk is what the Butte miners want.

And now Lou Dillon has broken the world's wagon record, going in two minutes. How the shades of Lady Suffolk and Dexter must stand aghast!

The Springfield Republican calls Heinze the ghost at the Amalgamated Copper banquet, and says he will not down. And the banqueters cry aloud: Heinze horrible shadow! unreal mockery, Heinze!

Mr. Parry, president of the Manufacturers' Association, thinks the Republic is in great danger of going to the dogs. When a man gets the dyspepsia good and hard he is very apt to think the whole universe is going to the dogs.

This from the Detroit Free Press is very good:
Politician—Congratulations, Sarah, I have been nominated.
Sarah (with delight)—Honesty?
Politician—What difference does that make?

The Blighon county, Wyo., grand jury has done splendid work in indicting lynchers. If when the cases come before the petit jury it will do as well, Wyoming's good name will be vindicated. A lyncher is a murderer as much as the man who kills in cold blood.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The November Cosmopolitan contains, among features, the first instalment of Mr. Wells's new science fiction romance, "The Food of the Gods." The story is intensely interesting, and yet instructive. It has many other good features, one of which is a number of illustrations of a very wide range of subjects.—Irvington, N. Y.

The November Leslie's Monthly is a greatly enlarged magazine. It has more pages, more pictures and more stories than before. The leading article takes up the way in which big corporations influence legislation at Washington, tells how the lobby is managed, and points out what senators and representatives are supposed to be in the service of the trusts, and just what trusts they serve. There is also a clear-cut sketch of Charles F. Murphy, the present leader of Tammany hall, with a full page portrait. There are seven short stories, including the beginning of a new series of Scotch sketches, by J. J. Bell, the author of "Woe Macgregor"; another of Marion Hill's stories of children and some more of Judge Shute's "A Few Real Boys." There is a series of six full page football draw-

ings, by Howard Giles, appropriately called, "Our College Education," a number of theatrical portraits, together with an article on E. H. Sothern, by Justin Huntly McCarthy. There are many other features.—Fifth avenue, New York.

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