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MARK THE CHANGE!

It is amusing to see how smugly the former opponents of the conduit plan for conveying the waters of the Cottonwoods into this city now take credit to themselves for the scheme, and the construction of the conduit on the plans that were projected and arranged for by the previous city administration. Strenuous efforts were made to defeat the entire measure, and they failing, then to interpose obstacles and objections and denunciations of those who started it, also predictions of its utter failure and declarations that if it ever was built there would be no water to put into it. But now all those stupid inventions are cast to the winds or, the waters, and great congratulations are offered to the present council and the engineer and contractor on the completion of the work.

It is also funny to note the endeavors of the present administration to carry into effect the attempts of the former administration to secure certain water rights that were necessary for the perfection of the scheme. That which was a few months ago derided and denounced is now applauded and endorsed. Strange what a difference is made by a change of parties! That which was formerly called darkness is now hailed as light, and the "impracticable" has become practicable and praiseworthy.

As to the additional cost voted for by the present city council we are not disposed to join in the outcry that has been raised, but merely to suggest that it will not do very well for its supporters to say much about the "million dollar extravagance," when \$75,000 additional has been tacked on to it. Whether the entire lining of the conduit was necessary or not, it will be conceded by unbiased persons that it has made it more secure than it would have been without it.

The great thing is to get the water supply. That was the consummation held in view by the city authorities when the project was started and the bonds for it were issued. Let all who have been instrumental in accomplishing the work receive due credit, no matter what political party they belonged, or belong to, either in the past or in the present. That is only fair and rational. The proposition to perfect the Parley's canyon reservoir recommends itself to our understanding of the conditions, and while it may delay the coming in of the supply through the conduit for a little while, the benefits from it will compensate for the delay, and as the supply this season from the ordinary sources has been greater than for some years past, no great inconvenience will result from the improvement suggested.

We hope everything will be done to make the Cottonwood supply ample and complete, and that before long the plans projected by the previous administration will be carefully carried into effect and even improved upon by the present administration, so that the city may be secure in that ample supply of water for all necessary purposes which is essential to the growth and welfare of the municipality. We shall all rejoice when the water is actually in use, and we should be willing to give a fair meed of praise to all officials and individuals who have been instrumental in obtaining this boon to Salt Lake, for it will prove invaluable.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

The National Good Roads Association received the support of the public-spirited men of this city and State when its convention was held in this city. The good work that has been accomplished by it has received very general recognition. A series of conventions have been held in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Vermont and New Hampshire. Col. W. H. Moore, president of the association, we learn, is now on his way to the Pacific coast to make arrangements for the annual convention of this association. A number of western cities desire the convention to be held within their borders. Salt Lake, Ogden, Portland, Denver and Colorado Springs are among the western competitors for the convention, while Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburg are also holding out inducements to the association.

The convention of 1906 is expected to be of unusual interest, because legislation will be planned for, to be presented to the thirty-six State legislatures which will be in session in 1907. There will be arrangements at the convention for further work in the desired direction, to be carried out during the fall of this year and the spring and summer of next.

There is no better place for the convention if held on this coast than Salt Lake City. The Assembly hall was secured for the purpose formerly, and perhaps might be obtained again, but of that we are not prepared to make any definite statement. All societies and associations and clubs that are interested in the Good Roads movement, should be on the alert to meet the president of the association and if possible secure the convention this year for Salt Lake or Ogden.

We need not set forth the advantages that come to a community from good roads, for they will be conceded by all. The movement to establish them throughout the land will receive the hearty co-operation of people of all parties and sections, and Utah no doubt will do her part to carry forward the good work.

CHURCH AND STATE.

The encyclical of the Roman Pontiff concerning the future conduct of the French clergy in view of the laws providing for the separation of church and state in France, discusses the important question of the duty of the church in relation to state laws. The Pope declares that the provisions of the law referred to have been carefully examined, and that "cultural associations," such as the law prescribes, cannot be formed without a violation of "the sacred rites which are the life itself of the church." He hopes to find some other way that can be adopted without violating either the law or the church canon, "but," he continues, "as this hope fails us, and the law remains as it is, we declare it is not permissible to try other kinds of associations so long as they do not establish in the most legal and most positive way that the divine constitution of the church, the immutable rights of the Roman pontiff and the bishops and their authority over the temporal affairs of the church, particularly the sacred edifices, will be irrevocably protected by such associations. We cannot wish otherwise without betraying our sacred charge and producing the ruin of the church in France."

The principle here laid down is this, that the church must, in the first place, see to it that the enactments of the legislature providing for the church do not conflict with the teachings handed down to the church as expressing the will of God. If they do, the duty of the church members will be to ignore them. The Pontiff takes the view, clearly, that even the French deputies have no right to interfere with "the divine institutions" of the church, the immutable rights of the Roman pontiff, and the bishops and their authority. This may sound strange to people who are used to urge only the rights and duties of the state, but to an unprejudiced mind, the Pope's view will commend itself as logically correct and incontrovertible. The church has no right to interfere with the regulations of the state concerning matters of a purely secular character. But if this is true, it is equally true that the province of the state excludes its representatives from interfering with the liberty of the church to regulate matters of a spiritual and ecclesiastical nature. The encyclical is a re-affirmation of the great principle enunciated by our Saviour, to render to Caesar that which is his, and to God that which belongs to God. Many difficulties in the world would have been avoided if this principle of liberty had been carried out. Strife has existed, sometimes because of the attempted inroad of the church upon the affairs of state, and sometimes because of the ambition of the state to dominate the church. History is full of examples of both these violations of the rule of Christian liberty, and the effects of such transgression, but the world is slow to learn.

HUNTED BECAUSE A LEPER.

The Springfield Republican has compiled some facts relating to the experiences in this country of a poor human creature suffering from leprosy. He is a Syrian, 21 years old, who came to this country a few years ago, making a living first as a peddler and then as a factory hand in Maine. Last June he came to Elkins, W. Va., and sought medical aid for a skin disease at a hospital. His case was diagnosed as leprosy, and the hospital authorities refused to receive him. Then his troubles commenced.

He first pitched a tent on the country fair grounds. He lived there for two weeks and was then compelled to leave, because the grounds were too near the river from which the city obtains its water supply. He now traveled toward Cumberland, Md., seeking some hospital or retreat where he would be sheltered. He stopped at two towns on the way and was told at both places that no hospital would receive him. By the time the leper reached Cumberland, the Allegany county board of health had answered an emergency call, and it appeared upon the scene. The board of health decided that it could do nothing in the way of providing a retreat for the sufferer, who was now attracting so much public attention that the police reserves in Cumberland were ordered out to handle the crowds. The crowds seemed to have a morbid desire to follow him, and when he had reached Brunswick, Md., in his wanderings, he was driven to climb a pile of railroad ties to escape the horde of curious-minded people.

An empty box car on a Baltimore & Ohio freight train came to the leper's relief at Brunswick, and on this he traveled to Baltimore, the railroad officials giving him free transportation in the hope of getting him to New York city. From Baltimore the box car was rushed along to Philadelphia. The attention that the case was now attracting in the newspapers of Maryland and Pennsylvania warned the Philadelphia board of health, which promptly nailed a big sign bearing the word "Leprosy" to the box car and required the railroad to haul the car and the leper back to Baltimore. Ties were done, and the car was stalled some seven miles out of the urban district, while the railroad, the state authorities and the local board of health wrangled for a week over what should be done with the unhappy Rashid. Meanwhile the Baltimore police saw that he had food and water and incidentally that he did not escape from his box car.

In this way the patient has been driven from one place to another. At Parkersburg he was put off the train and sat under a tree for two days, in a field back of the Parkersburg railroad station. Meanwhile the train crew was alerted and fined for bringing a contagious disease into the state. The West Virginia health board then disclaimed all responsibility and declared it was a problem for the county officials. The county officials started the leper traveling again, but when he approached Elkins, the place he had departed from several weeks before, that city refused to grant him entrance. There was nothing left to do but to perch the leper far up on the mountain side, remote from his kind, and there the county officials have kept him isolated. An effort will be made to have him deported. The entire story reminds one of the

superstitious fear with which some savages are said to regard certain kinds of diseases. Leprosy is an awful affliction, but in countries where it has many victims it is not regarded as more contagious than certain other diseases. In oriental countries leprosy will be found in great numbers begging by the roadsides, and charitable persons do not fear to approach them. In Norway, where they are isolated in special hospitals, they are permitted to go down town, to receive visitors and hold social intercourse with friends. No one thinks of treating them as outcasts. The manner in which this unfortunate Syrian has been treated is so barbarous and proves so much ignorance on the part of those concerned, as to call for the censure of an enlightened public.

The fact that missionaries of the "Mormon" Church have mingled with lepers on the Hawaiian Islands, eaten in their company, slept on their mats, and lived in their homes for years without contracting the dread disease, contradicts the popular notion about its contagious character, or is evidence of special Providential protection which non-"Mormons" would be slow to admit. The treatment of that unfortunate Syrian is a sad comment on the "Christianity" of an alleged Christian country.

PERSIA ADVANCING.

It is worth recording that, according to a Washington dispatch, the Shah of Persia has decreed that that ancient country is to have a parliament, or national assembly. This information has been received by the Persian minister at our capital. The Persian assembly will be composed of equal parties, namely, princes of the blood, clergy, chief of the reigning dynasty, Cadjars, high dignitaries and personages, merchants and representatives of corporations. It will meet at Teheran, and it is provided that all civil and constitutional laws shall originate in the assembly and after the signature of the Shah will become effective.

This should be an incentive to the Russian Emperor to establish constitutional government, or at least, a parliament to represent the people in the legislative department of the government. Freedom is the demand of this age. Asia is receiving light from the western world, as the west once received the light of Asia. Persia, many centuries ago, played an important part in the history of the world. It may still have a mission to perform, for which the adoption of free institutions may prepare the people.

A NUMEROUS TRIBE.

This amusing story about San Francisco has appeared in reputable papers:

"The banks are not open for business. It is impossible for them to transact business. Around the buildings are piles of debris over which one must climb to enter the banks. I was standing 200 feet away from the entrance of one of the banking houses and was confronted by a pile of bricks that extended from my position to the very doors of the building. I asked a policeman if the bank was open and if there was a way by which I could enter it. He told me that if I cared to climb over the bricks I could transact my business. The pile was nearly two stories high. All the business done by the San Francisco banks is carried on by mail."

The San Francisco Call pronounces this worthy of a reincarnated Ananias, and we have no doubt it is. But the story is no more ridiculous than many of those told about Utah by people with selfish motives. The tribe of Ananias is large.

Paul O. Stensland is taking the regular embezzler's vacation.

The Russian revolution has only reached the protoplasmic state.

Claus Spreckels will rebuild his home in San Francisco and live in New York.

Has Pittsburg put the lid on her divorce scandals as well as on her fur races?

The Sultan is said to be improving. And what a chance for improvement there is in his case.

Pope was not far wrong when he said, "Party is the madness of many for the gain of the few."

Cashier Hering is said to have been a cheap sport. In his way, he proved very dear to the depositors.

Mr. Bryan will visit Australia. Let no one infer from this that there is anything of the kangaroo about him.

Fitch Clyde's new play is called "The Truth." Is it the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

"Hope tells a flattering tale," says the Boston Herald. That is the kind he told here, though it may not have been the same Hope.

Young Stensland believes that his father is dead. He has long been dead to the difference between meum and tuum.

Ann Odella Diss De Bar has been released from prison on ticket of leave. No doubt she is glad to leave with or without a ticket.

"Has the President a union card in his inside pocket?" asks an exchange. He certainly has, and it is that of the American Union.

From a distance the attitude of Samuel Gompers towards the employment of Chinese on the Panama canal looks uncommonly like that of the dog in the manger.

There is no longer any talk of pacifying the Pujunians. They are to be exterminated. If it is to be done, "then" it were well if it were quickly done.

An old-time popular ditty went, "If your foot is pretty, show it as you pass along the street." Today it is, "If your arm is pretty or not, show it as you pass along the street."

The Englishman who hissed the American flag in Bayonne, N. J., and was fined twenty-five dollars for doing it, may not think any more of the flag

than he did but he will think twice before he hisses again.

Joseph Choate has been engaged to assist in breaking Russell Sage's will. He was the attorney for Laddlaw who was used as a shield by Sage when the bomb was thrown at him. Doubtless he will take great pleasure in performing his legal duty in the present instance.

GLOBULAR WATCHES LATEST.

Philadelphia Record.
Jewelers, who are constantly making over their wares to suit the demand which is always being made upon them for something new, have hit upon a new style of watch, which is being displayed by the firms which lead in the introduction of novelties. The newest and is a globular watch, and it is affected mostly by women. Timepieces for men have been losing weight for some time past until now they are as flat as it is possible for human ingenuity to make them; but those used by the women are precisely the reverse and are fashioned in the form of tiny gold balls. They are hung on slender chains, and if one has a liking for glittering gems and a pocketbook to match, the little globes are heavily incrustured with rubies or diamonds.

KEPT TAB ON THE TIME.

Indianapolis News.
London had recently a novelty in a branch of promise suit, or at any rate in the evidence introduced. The young people having arranged to get married exactly 110 weeks from their engagement, kept tally of the time by threading 110 squares of cardboard on a piece of string and taking one off and throwing it away every Sunday evening. This is a decided improvement on the schoolboy's plan of the number of days to the holidays, with one day crossed out every night. Incidentally it may help the assessment of damages if a breach results. In this instance 99 squares had been removed when all was over, and \$625 was claimed and awarded.

THE THEATER.

Maxim Gorky in Appleton's.
The exploitation of the theater by capital ought not to be permitted by people who are interested in the development of the spiritual forces of the country. To turn art into a means of profit is, under all circumstances, a serious misdemeanor, but in this particular case it is positive crime, because it offers violence to the author's person and adulterates art. If the law provides punishments for the adulteration of food, it ought to deal unmercifully with those who adulterate the people's spiritual food. The theater is called the people's school; it teaches us to feel and to think. It has its origin in the same source as the church, but it has always served the people more sincerely and truly than the church. While the government has been able to make the church subserve its own interests, it has never been able to enslave the theater. "The Sunken Bell" of Hauptmann is a liturgy of beauty and of thought, as are many of the plays of Ibsen, Shakespeare and Aeschylus.

A LONG STEP TOWARD PEACE.

New York World.
The International American conference in Rio de Janeiro has twice affirmed the principle of arbitration and will today pass a resolution declaring that there is urgent necessity for all American republics to send to The Hague delegates instructed to support an arbitration convention. It would not be easy to exaggerate the value of such a declaration. The United States, Mexico and Central as well as South America are concerned in this emphatic declaration. This is the whole new world excepting British America. The countries represented in or influenced by the convention cover nearly one-fifth of the land area of the globe. They have now less than one-eleventh of its population, says 130,000,000, but are destined by climate and natural wealth to a far greater share of the earth's activities than they now possess.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Crushing Retort.

Senator Bard of California was once conversing with a Jesuit brother at the Georgetown university, when he told this story illustrative of the fine humor of Archbishop Ryan of his state.

The archbishop had rebuked a priest for wearing a most disreputable looking hat.

"I would not give this hat for twenty new ones," said the priest. "It belonged to my father who fell in the rising of '48."

"Ah," was Archbishop Ryan's retort; "evidently he fell on the hat!"—Harper's Weekly.

Hee Haw! Hee Haw!

Orator! I tell you we're degenerating and the only remedy is to get back to the land and to the food of our ancestors.

First Listener—What food does he mean, Bill? Nuts?
Second Listener—Naw; thistles.—Ally Sloper.

Would She?

The average woman would rather have her husband and her check than give her a thousand dollars.—San Francisco Bulletin.

Was Lucky After All.

Gen. Stoesel is probably beginning to get the hand of Providence in his dismissal from the Russian army.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Price of Vanity.

"What became of that life-guard who had forty-one medals for saving people's lives?"
The poor fellow told out of a launch last month with them all on, and the combined weight sank him.—Minneapolis Journal.

The Question.

Senator Benson's "Vote for the party that does best" is the best thing any senator has said. The question is, what is best?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Reason for Secrecy.

No wonder Fay Templeton tried to keep the marriage a secret. It was a Pittsburg millionaire—Baltimore American.

Question of the Day.

Is the word "nightgown" a fit word to use in polite society?—Atchison Globe.

Or Mal-de-mour?

Some people are foolish enough to be afraid of hydrophobia among the ocean greyhounds.—Somerville Journal.

Among Old Masters.

The farmer had already purchased a number of shares in an oil well, a lightning rod and a quantity of green goods.

short distance when he saw a stump ahead and immediately began giving the railroad "stop" signal with both hands. The plow struck the stump, and the brakeman went head first over the plow. Picking himself up, he ran angrily to the mules and roared: "You flopped around, don't you ever look back for a signal!"—Atchison Globe.

First Bystander: What an impressive funeral! Even the family doctor is in the procession. Second Bystander: "Yes, that's the first time I ever saw the cause following the effect!"—Le Rite.

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