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"TRUTH" GROSSLY IN ERROR.

It nearly always happens immediately after an election that disappointed people, and especially the politicians, offer explanations of "how it was done." Some of these are more or less plausible, but while others are positively absurd, of the latter class is an attempt in the local publication called "Truth" to show how it was that the supporters of Chief Lynch for the majority polled less than five thousand votes. The cause is attributed to the Deseret News, and is set forth in the following, which appeared in "Truth" on November 11:

"The Deseret News was a Democratic organ before the nominations were made and all through the campaign. It 'boasted' Mayor Morris and his administration in every way from open commendation down to the reprehensible tricks of the ward politician and political leader. Here is the climax of its perfidy and treachery. The political campaign practically closed on Saturday night, November 4. The Democratic managers and the 'American' party managers admitted that the Republicans were in the lead despite the efforts of the Deseret News in behalf of the Democrats. Something had to be done, thought the Democrats of the News. Church influence was the thing, the winning card. By collusion between the managers of the Democratic campaign and the editors of the Deseret News, a scheme was put up. A circular was written and signed by the chairman of the Democratic committee and two paragraphs signed 'Editor Deseret News' were also written and appended to the Democratic chairman's circular. These sheets with the 'News' editor's statement and the statement of the chairman of the Democratic committee were set in type and run off in thousands by the Deseret News press. The type of the News' editor's statement was then transferred to the form of that paper and appeared in the News of Monday evening. These circulars were delivered simultaneously with the Deseret News by the Deseret News carriers. The Democratic committee in addition bought thousands of copies of the News' containing the editor's statement and distributed them throughout the city and also distributed thousands of the circulars. On its face the editor's statement was a very innocent kind of thing, but when taken in connection with Chairman Martin's statement and in the light of previous articles which appeared in the News, it was a vicious attack on the Republican party and a direct and unmistakable direction to the members of the Mormon Church to vote the Democratic ticket."

The assertion which leads in the foregoing extract, like many election echoes, is nothing but unfounded opinion, is not supported by any quotation from the columns of the Deseret News, and is as untrue as any utter falsehood can be. The same may be said of the alleged facts which form the closing part of the paragraph. It is asserted that:

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It is difficult to suppress the feelings of indignation which naturally arise when such flagrant falsehoods are printed in a publication calling itself "Truth." The statement is untrue from beginning to end. The circular referred to was not printed at the Deseret News office. It was not related anywhere, until long after the latest edition of Monday's News and of the Semi-Weekly had been printed and circulated. The News' carriers did not distribute the circular. The editor of the News never saw one of these circulars until the present time of writing, Monday, November 13, 1905, when it came to his desk in an envelope addressed to him. It was utterly impossible for him to be printed, as asserted by "Truth," and "transferred" to the columns of the "News." That which appeared in the "News" of Monday evening was not written until the editor's return from the north in the afternoon, and did not appear in the first edition, for that very reason.

The error in relation to this matter probably arose from the telling by the Deseret News job press of a small dodger, bearing no resemblance to the circular referred to, and containing nothing of that which appeared in the Deseret News. We learn from the circular, Mr. Dunbar, that the "News" carriers had been requested to circulate these dodgers, but that he positively forbade them to put one inside the paper. It is possible that the writer of the article in "Truth" confused the dodger with the circular, and hence the blunder into which he has fallen.

But that does not account for the malice exhibited in the entire article, nor the wilful attempt to tell in the beginning of the paragraph we have quoted. There is not a line to be found in the columns of the Deseret News during the campaign, which can be fairly construed into "an effort of the Deseret News in behalf of the Democrats." If there had been, the writer of the article in "Truth" would un-

doubtedly have reproduced it. Nor has there been any collusion between the managers of the Democratic campaign and the editors of the Deseret News. There has been no "scheme put up" of any kind or sort, as intimated by "Truth." The "News" has not "boasted" Mayor Morris, nor said a word against Chief Lynch.

The remarks of the "News" concerning the water project and the Utah Light and Power franchise, were always in opposition to the strictures and ballads set forth by the organ of the "American" faction. If they were in any respect viewed as a reflection upon the Republican party or its candidate, that would infer beyond a doubt that that party and candidate were hostile to the water plans for which a million dollars in bonds were voted by the citizens, something we never intimated.

And further, if it is true (which figures show to have been impossible) that the article in the Deseret News of Monday, November 6, turned the tide of the election from Lynch to Morris, then it is certain that the people who make the assertion, admit that they had been using without authority the influence of the President of the church, and that the announcement that he was not in politics and would not be drawn into politics was a rebuke to them for their untruthfulness. The announcement in the "News" mentioned no party and no persons. It cut both ways. It affected every individual who had used "Church influence" in the manner pointed out. Every one who takes it himself, whatever may be his party, makes a tacit confession of guilt.

But the folly of attributing the failure of the supporters of Chief Lynch to carry the election, to the article in the Deseret News, is apparent from the figures of the votes. Thompson received 3,471 more votes than Lynch. That is enough to tell the tale. The supporters of the Chief were mistaken from the start. It is evident that Morris could have been elected, but for the tremendous pressure brought to bear upon hundreds of citizens who favored him, by the fact that Thompson gained only 429 votes in excess of those cast for Morris.

We see no profit in discussing this matter now, and we would not have referred to it at all but for the gross misrepresentations that have been bandied about, as set forth in the publication called "Truth" and as the reason of the failure of the managers of the losing party in the election to land their candidate. We do not wish to indulge in any remarks by way of retaliation for the attack made upon this paper, although we are fully aware of the source from which it has come and the motive that lies behind it.

The "News" is ready at any time to meet the charge of Democratic leanings or Republican proclivities, and is able to defend itself on either ground, as an independent paper, but not as a neutral. These columns have been devoted to a defense of the Church when assailed, and the advocacy of principles and policies for the benefit and upbuilding of the State, but has kept aloof from everything of a partisan nature, and this is and will be attested or admitted by the great body of the people, regardless of religion and of politics. One thing is certain, that as "time tries all" so will the truth be vindicated, no matter how much it may be misrepresented and abused.

STAKE FAIR.

The "News" is in receipt of an attractive souvenir program announcing the Pioneer stake fair, which opens in the stake hall, Fifth South, between West Temple and First West streets, on Tuesday night, Nov. 14. The fair is for the purpose of liquidating existing indebtedness on the stake house, which was purchased from the Board of Education and remodeled into a handsome structure for stake purposes. We understand there is a large balance yet due on the property, and the people of the stake have devised this means of raising money. Elaborate preparations have been made for a time of rejoicing during the week, and the commendable undertaking should be liberally patronized, that the enterprise shown in the matter of securing a suitable building for stake gatherings, may receive the encouragement it deserves, and the energetic workers of that section be impelled to further efforts in the same direction. The fair will continue for five nights, with a matinee Wednesday afternoon for the little folks.

"MORMON PHILOSOPHY"

We have already noticed the little book, "Outlines of Mormon Philosophy," by Elder L. A. Wilson, but refer to it again. The subject matter is of deep interest. The author offers an exposition of the theory of the gospel, respecting many great questions of life, and we are assured that his attempt in this direction is being received with favor.

The arrangement of the subject is somewhat unique. Under the head of "Conditions Prescribed" are considered space, time, matter and intelligence. Under the second head, "The Gospel," the author discusses inception, purpose, plan, covenant, and perpetuity; while the third head, "Conditions Subsequent," is subdivided into "nature, and man."

What the author calls his "text" seems to absorb the purpose of the work. We quote:

"What a thoughtful man must long for is some firm center about which he can organize his knowledge of the world, his experience of life, a point of view from which he can gather all into an intelligible unity, and from which he can press forward with a deep assurance of divine guidance and an adequate outcome."

find many readers, and that many will thereby be led to a deeper appreciation of the event it is designated to commemorate.

COXEYISM IN LONDON.

While this country is enjoying unprecedented prosperity, the poor of the British capital, who are unable to obtain employment, are marching through the fashionable streets, with the object of showing the wealthy residents of those districts the misery that prevails among the destitute classes. The contrast is surely striking enough, as anyone who has seen the two extremes of London will know. It would be easy to muster in the East End of the British capital a worse looking crowd than the mob that surrounded Versailles in the beginning of the French revolution, clamoring for bread. The hope of the organizers of this demonstration is that the government may thereby be influenced to provide employment for this army of unemployed, to prevent the looting of stores, and other crimes.

It would seem, then, that the idea of government ownership of factories and public utilities is looked upon as the need of the times. For, how can the government furnish employment, unless it be engaged in manufacture, or other labor-demanding activities? The underlying thought is the same as that which resulted in the march of the Coxeyites in this country some years ago, when laborers and their families were suffering on account of lack of employment. But at that time, the unfortunate were the objects of ridicule. The demand for employment at the hand of the government was regarded as the wild fancy of "cranks." In London "Coxeyism" is assuming a serious aspect. For the leaders declare they can take no further responsibility of keeping their followers in check if the Premier fails to make some practical proposal to find employment for them on public works.

The question raised is a serious one, in all large centers of population, and it will become still more grave, as the army of destitute are increased by the addition of persons who have become poor by no fault of their own; only because of their inability to compete with others in the continual struggle for existence.

It is possible that their demands must be considered. Competition is virtually strangled by the various combinations that control manufacture, trade, and labor, and the common individual has but little chance against those mighty forces. What is to be done? Those who march and make demonstrations may not know what the remedy is which they seek, but they do know by the scanty food and poor clothing that fall to their lot, like crumbs from the overloaded tables of their wealthy fellow-men, some of whom neither spin nor toil, that something is radically wrong somewhere, and this wrong they ask the powers that be to investigate and to set right. That is the real significance of such demonstrations.

General Trepoff's removal is another remove from tyranny for Russia.

France is enjoying another cabinet crisis. Unlike French clocks, French cabinets seem made to go.

That decoration bestowed upon General Trepoff by the Czar on his enforced retirement will serve to hide in part his chagrin.

Chairman Shonta says with great emphasis, almost unnecessarily great, that the Panama canal will be built. That is conceded of course, but when, pray?

A Detroit man has erected a monument to Satan. If there ever was any one in continual evidence without a monument as a reminder, surely it is Satan.

It is proposed to fill Salt Lake City with the smoke stacks of manufacturing establishments. Already there is with the smoke-stacks of manufacturing plants when built.

The caretaker of the Mutual Life's Albany house only received twenty-five dollars a month. When he and the president of the company saluted each other extremes met.

Describing his impressions of Americans Prince Louis of Battenberg said: "I should say that District Attorney William T. Jerome's success is clearly explained in his charming personality and earnestness." How much more diplomatic than Sir Sackville West's Murchison letter.

The San Francisco Chronicle of Wednesday last appeared in a somewhat strange garb. The Chronicle building the previous evening was the scene of a \$250,000 fire. It is a notable evidence of enterprise that the paper would appear at all, so soon after the destructive conflagration.

Mayor Tom L. Johnson either has a great sense of humor or an utter lack of it for, alarmed at the great number of suicides in Cleveland, he has appointed a commission to dissuade would-be suicides from taking their own lives. He will set by appointing a commission to dissuade would-be murderers from taking lives other than their own.

Mr. Carnegie, who has just returned from Europe, says the insurance scandals have created a deep impression there. As he views it, the trouble is that most respectable and influential names are used by the real managers of institutions as decoy ducks. No doubt there is some truth in what he says, but when respectable and eminent people lend their names to anything, it is a duty they owe themselves and the public to see to it that they are not used as decoy ducks, and when they are, they themselves are guilty of contributory negligence.

Explaining his defeat Governor Herrick says: "The greatest danger now confronting the American people is the readiness, in response to some sudden whim or pretext, to desert party principles and follow some individual who

claims, sometimes with sincerity, often with hypocrisy, to represent a cause that is higher than party fealty." There is no such danger as the governor thinks he sees, nor is there much desertion of party principles. But everywhere throughout the country the people are beginning to refuse to be led by party bosses. There is no abandonment of party principle but there is a protest against considering the party as the end and not the means. The very terrible dangers that Governor Herrick thinks he foresees do not really exist, and it must be remembered that he looks at the situation through the eyes of a defeated candidate.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Kansas City Star.
It is extraordinary how quickly and effectually the municipal ownership idea has gained control of the floating population and non-property holding classes in several of the large cities when it is so difficult to get these same classes to grasp the force of the tariff issue. Municipal ownership appeals to those who believe that through the purchase of municipal utilities by taxing the property owners all classes will benefit by low charges for municipal service, and that thus the cost of living will be reduced. But a proper adjustment of the tariff would inevitably make a much greater saving, not alone to the people who do not own property, but to people of all classes in both city and country. It would not decrease the earning power of any, but it would lower the cost of living to all. The shrinkage would come out of the trusts and other combinations or corporations now extorting from the people under the protection of the government tariff wall.

IRON AND STEEL BUSINESS BAROMETER.

Washington Post.
For years it has been held that activity in the iron and steel industries marked prosperity in general and that dullness in those trades signified depression in other avenues of business. To state it more accurately, hard times in the republic curtailed the demand for iron and steel; good times rapidly increased it. Today the iron and steel output is far and beyond the outposts of the best years in the records of the country and the difficulty is now to get orders for material accepted even for delivery months ahead. The absorption by the world is tremendous and these are every reason to believe that highwater mark in the orders has not yet been reached. The country is in the midst of unparalleled prosperity, with every evidence of its continuance for a lengthy period.

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