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THE CONVENTION'S WORK.

The Constitutional Convention seemed to have had a hard struggle on Saturday over the question whether or not the Constitution should contain a clause making the University and Agricultural College at one place. As an advocate of the notion of the two institutions the News gives no hearty endorsement to the action of the Convention—carried by a close vote—which decides that the matter should be left to the Legislature. Of all the arguments that have been brought for or against the union of the University and College, there is not one that has presented a tangible reason for dealing with that question in the Constitution. Every attempt to place it there under the circumstances which exist must be regarded as virtual declaration that the Legislature is not capable of being trusted to deal wisely with the subject. The absurdity of such declaration is apparent when it is remembered that the people are sure to be as careful in their selections for the Legislature as they were for this Convention, and the idea that capable legislators in the future is just as broad as was that from within the Constitutional delegates were selected. So far as the issue is concerned, it virtually resolved itself into an expression from the Convention as to whether or not the delegates could trust the people to exercise ordinary good sense in the conduct of their public affairs. We are pleased to note that the expression takes the affirmative view, and hope it is allowed to remain.

While upon this subject the News will repeat a suggestion formerly made, that the Convention can easily afford to be liberal with the people of the future State in the powers it leaves to its legislative representatives. The spirit of illiberality which crops out in efforts to inject into the Constitution matters that could be left to the Legislature, has been and is evidence of evil. Attempts to tie the people up by the closest restrictions instead of leaving to them the highest possible liberty consistent with the rights and privileges of American citizenship are of a character most offensive to the popular term of government, and is sometimes a feeling of deep satisfaction that the right triumphs when these attempts are defeated. In the educational article and elsewhere in the suggestions before the Convention there are yet some of these oppressively tight provisions which should, and perhaps will be eliminated.

The suggestion that if the people are not satisfied with the Constitution in such particulars they can amend it, is one which the Convention should not consider as tenable. It should be the pride of every member to get a Constitution that will not need to be amended at. The people do not want to be troubled with patching up work. They have elected delegates to perform. Amending a Constitution involves a vast amount of time and money which should be put to better use by rendering such amendments necessary wherever possible. The people will have enough on their hands without fighting campaigns for constitutional amendments which they never should have been required to make. The delegates of the Convention who will receive the lasting approbation of the people will be those who are instrumental in framing a Constitution adapted to its purposes, and so free from cobbling work that it will be, that every honest voter can see opportunity for the full exercise of his rights and be sure of no foreign and evil restrictions to hamper and restrict legislation. We earnestly hope that the large majority of the Convention will do what appears most appropriate, and so far believe it will. [illegible] It seems to us that it is the duty of the Convention to make a Constitution which is adapted to the people of the State of Utah.

BEGGARS OF TRAMPS.

The society circular Mr. [illegible] recently issued [illegible] Pennsylvania Christmas of charitable [illegible] reception of public contributions which charge he has done very [illegible] and [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] in the [illegible] Whole American [illegible]. The Pittsburg's Bulletin [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]