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CHIEF PITT'S REMOVAL.

Mayor Bransford, in his letter to the City Council proposing the removal from office of Chief of Police Pitt, explained that the step was necessary for "the good of the service," but some further particulars would, undoubtedly, be welcome to the general public. What is the real cause of the disagreement between the Mayor and the Chief? We do not claim to be in the confidence of the manipulators of so-called "American" party-politics, and will therefore not pretend to speak by authority, but we have it from a pretty good source that they are again playing one of their regular games. We have been told that they are trying to work up a sentiment against the Mayor based on the unfortunate stand he has taken on the "red-light" district business, and that the Chief is one of their tools. Our informant claims that the manipulators of the "American" machine have decided to drop the Mayor because he refuses to be under their domination. He claims that the Chief and the "American" council members pledged their support to the Mayor's reform scheme, but that they later went back on him, as they did in the matter of the appointment of Devine. The Mayor, he adds, has had all he wants of the perfidy of the party manipulators, and the said manipulators know that they cannot manipulate him. Hence the trouble.

We are sorry that the administration of Mayor Bransford has been sullied with the "red-light" district business proposition. The Mayor cannot take any cognizance whatever of the existence of such a district. If he is to keep his oath of office. The only thing he can do is to see to it that the existing laws and ordinances are maintained, as they are. The Mayor cannot pledge his word to anyone that such a "district" will be permitted to exist undisturbed any more than he can permit a gang of thieves to operate in the City. His position is untenable. If it is true that he believes a monopoly is the best way of regulating what he calls a necessary evil, and if it is true that a number of business men agree with him, then he might have used his influence for such change in the laws and ordinances as would be necessary, but as long as the laws are as they are, the Mayor can only see that they are maintained. His enemies in the party have, apparently, the better end of the argument against him, and this is regrettable to his friends.

The fact seems to be, however, that the Mayor, to begin with in this matter, was the victim of bad counselors and that he now prefers to stand by his word, whatever the consequences may be, while the real originators of the proposition are trying to shirk their part of the responsibility. There is, evidently, a pretty fight on between the Mayor and the ring leaders of the party that owes its last victory in the City election to the name and reputation of Mr. Bransford.

JOHN MILTON.

The 9th of this month is the three-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Milton. It is a day that should be remembered. For not only has Milton attained to highest pinnacles of fame as a poet and prose writer, but as a champion of religious liberty in an age when that glorious cause had few able defenders.

Milton was born in London, Dec. 9, 1608. At the age of 12 he wrote a eulogy of Shakespeare which was thought worthy of a place in the second folio, along with reprints of verses that had been prefixed to the first folio, one of them being Ben Jonson's tribute in honor of the immortal bard. From this beginning Milton developed into a prolific writer in English, Latin, and Italian. His contributions to the current discussions on philosophical and other topics were the most important of the day in which he lived. And by his great epic, Paradise Lost, he entered the society of immortal poets, such as Homer, Virgil, Dante.

It seems that Milton, very early in his career, planned a great epic upon the lines of the Aeneid by Virgil, which was to be upon the founding of the British empire, as the Aeneid was upon the founding of the Roman empire. His intention was to make this epic "an interpreter of the best and sagest things among mine own citizens, throughout this island, in the mother dialect; that what the greatest and choicest wits of Athens, Rome, or modern Italy, and those Hebrews of old, did for their country, I, in my proportion, with this over and above of being a Christian, might do for mine; not caring to be once named abroad, though, perhaps, I could attain to that, but content with these British islands as my world."

However, the carrying out of this design was, necessarily, postponed. It was to be a work the product of profound studies and devout prayers. Milton says it was not to be a work of youth; nor to be obtained "by the invocation of Dame Memory and siren daughters; but by devout prayers to the Eternal Spirit who can enrich with all utterance and knowledge, and send out his seraphim: with the hallowed fire of his altar, to touch and

purify the lips of whom He pleases." His idea was to express in that epic the very soul of a free people searching for the Eternal. But time passed, and thought changed. Milton, however, learned more clearly that poetry was to be employed for the dissemination of glorious truth.

During the last years of the Commonwealth, Milton, now blind, owing to inherited weakness in the nerves of sight, conceived of the idea of writing Paradise Lost. It was a time of religious controversy in which the conflict raged about the relations between God and man. Milton concluded that the story of the Fall could be told in an epic and that the story would be even better adapted to his purposes than the story of the foundation of Great Britain. In such a poem he could enshrine the religion of his country and lift their hearts to a better understanding of God.

Paradise Lost became the beginning of a new era in English poetry, and the turning point in English religious thought. At that time the prince of darkness was generally thought of as a ridiculous buffoon, a clown. On the stage where the religious plays held forth, he was kicked about and ridiculed. In folklore he was driven into a nutshell, for instance, and pounded by a blacksmith; or he was otherwise represented as a despicable being. Milton drew from his extensive knowledge of pagan mythology and other sources and represented Satan as the powerful head of Moloch, Belial, Mars, Venus, Dagon and others. Satan, he represented as a being lower than the angels, only because he had fallen from his first estate. His power was unimpaired, his intellect undimmed. He was fallen only in moral worth. The mythology of Milton has impressed profoundly the theology of English-speaking people. Many a pulpit has echoed for three hundred years with the tones of Paradise Lost almost as much as of the Gospels, Acts and Epistles.

The imagery of Paradise Lost is gorgeous, and yet natural, or, perhaps, gorgeous because it is natural. In this wonderful masterpiece of language, the sun rises, "robed in flames and amber light." The hill is "hoar with floating mists of dawn." It shows us "fallow gray," the "tanned hawkcock," the towers of the ancient manor "bosomed high in tufted trees," and peasants "dancing in the checkered shade." In it Philomel with her song, is "smoothing the rugged brow of night." "The wandering moon riding near her highest noon," the while "stooping through a fleecy cloud." In it we have a tragedy "sweeping by in accepted path," and Orpheus' song drawing "iron tears" from Pluto's cheek.

The following lines describe the victory of the Son of God over the rebellious hosts:

"Sole Victor, from the expulsion of his foes,
Messiah! His triumphal chariot
To meet Him all His Saints, who silent stood
Eye-witnesses of His almighty acts,
With jubilee advanced; and, as they went,
Shaded with branching palm, each order bright
Sung triumph, and Him sung victorious King,
Son, Heir, and Lord, to him dominion given,
Worship to reign: He, celebrated, rode
Triumphant through mild heaven, into the courts
And Temple of His mighty Father thronged.
On high; who into glory, Him received,
Where now he sits at the right hand of bliss."

But, as we have said, Milton was also one of the most powerful champions of religious liberty. His father had suffered for embracing the Protestant faith, and Milton felt keenly the spirit of anti-Christ in religious persecution. In that day churches claimed the right to compel assent to its doctrines. Milton believed that opinion ought to be free. He attacked prelacy with its extravagant claims. A ministry working in the spirit of brotherly love and humility would have been sustained by him. In the Aeneid Milton has given the world a powerful argument for freedom of thought and opinion in the interest of truth itself. The following quotation from the pamphlet mentioned may be given:

"Truth indeed came once into the world with her divine Master, and was a perfect shape most glorious to look on; but when He ascended, and His apostles after Him were laid asleep, then straight arose a wicked race of deceivers, who, as that story goes of the Egyptian Typhon with his conspirators, how they dealt with the good Osiris, took the virgin Truth, hurried her lovely form into the four winds, and scattered them to the four corners of the world. From that time ever since, the sad friends of Truth, such as darest appear, imitating the careful search of Isis, went up and down gathering up the limbs still as they could find them. We have not yet found them all. Lords and Commons, nor ever shall do, till her Master's second coming: He shall bring together every joint and member, and shall mould them into an immortal feature of loveliness and perfection."

Milton's pleadings for liberty of opinion and of the press mark him as one of the great leaders in the advancement of progress and civilization. Admirers of the poetic gift and friends of liberty in all ages will honor his memory.

SANITATION.

It is fortunate that this State is visited by an authority on sanitation just after the recent investigation by the President's commission appointed to look into the conditions of rural life. The need of more thorough sanitation in the town was fully developed at the hearing of the commission. It can scarcely be questioned that the larger towns of Utah which are still without a sewerage system are in dire need of that public benefit and conservator of health and cleanliness.

Sanitary science according to Edward Hatch Jr. chairman of the water-pollution committee of New York City, should prescribe definite and effective methods of sewage disposal. All that is needed, he thinks, is the awakening of the public to the huge economic crime of which it is guilty in postponing the adoption of such methods. While individual states can accomplish much within their own borders, he argues that there should be co-operation between states to assure the proper protection of in-

terstate waters from pollution by sewage and manufacturing waste spoiling the streams, exterminating the fish and endangering human life.

In his letter to Governor-elect Spry, he remarks that "Governor Hughes of New York has expressed his interest in the movement for the purification of the waters of the state and has pledged the state authorities to an exhaustive investigation of the subject, and the attorney general of New York has instituted suit against the state of New Jersey to prevent the pollution of the harbor of New York by the discharge of its untreated sewage!" and requests on behalf of the committee he represents and for the general welfare of the country that Gov. Spry will give this subject careful consideration in his message to the legislature.

We have no doubt that the Governor will heed this timely suggestion. The legislature should take hold of this live problem.

A STRONG MEMBER.

A report comes from Cheyenne that Secy. Root is taking an active interest in the proposed proceedings of the Dry Farming congress to be held in that city Feb. 24, 25 and 26.

This is a matter for congratulation, since Mr. Root will no doubt be a strong member of the Congress.

According to the forecast from Cheyenne there will be over 1,000 accredited representatives at the congress and that the congress will be a big factor in the prosperity of the western states. Representatives from Australia, Russia, Turkey, Turkistan, South Africa and other foreign countries and from every state west of the Missouri will be present. Addresses will be delivered by the most prominent men in those states on what should be done to reclaim the arid lands. As has been repeatedly pointed out, many of these lands now idle and all but valueless may be reclaimed by the application of a few simple principles in the conservation of soil moisture, and is rightly regarded as one of the most valuable of our national assets in the west.

Better to be on pay roll than parole.

A trust is known by the companies it keeps.

When Woodmen dance they do not wear wooden shoes.

It's a great faculty in a witness to remember to forget.

The maximum tariff of one age becomes the minimum tariff of the next age.

Chicago is said to be at the mercy of a funeral trust. And yet Chicago is so alive.

Of course money isn't everything; not more than ninety-five per cent probably.

"Uncle Joe" is not worrying about the Sixty-first Congress. He is acting in the living present.

The people of Salt Lake may be at the mercy of food, coal and other trusts but they need expect no mercy.

There is more pleasure in not so much certainty in counting your chickens before they are hatched.

Alexis is a fugitive and Simon is president. "A breath can make them as a breath hath made."

A contemporary speaks of the President's son Kermit as Kermiss. Isn't our contemporary getting rather festive?

Ellnor Glyn has written a novel called "The Perfect Man." Frankenstein's creation is another "perfect man," of his kind.

BOYS ON THE FARM.

To the boys on the farm I would like to give a few words of advice. Boys do not be in a hurry to leave the farm. It has been your home and your shelter since you were born. It has been the safe retreat for you, from the world's evil temptations. It has stood as a guard of honor around you all your lives. It finds you standing on the threshold of manhood, pure in thought, pure in physical strength, brave, generous and true. It finds you an honor to your father and mother, both of whom have aided their many hours of toil and self-sacrifice although you have trudged along manfully by their side, and have never heard a murmur of complaint. There has been a labor of love, yet there has been many anxious moments; yes, days and nights, that they have planned to keep you beneath the home roof. The dream of the dream, when there was but little of anything raised, they pondered it over in their minds, hours and hours, when you were carefully tucked away in your beds sleeping the sleep of innocent boys who have the retreat of the farm with father and mother. Meanwhile they were planning to see what they could do to keep John from having to leave home, and go to the great city, to get work. Oh, what a dread of the great city, they held in their minds! They thought of the many temptations, the evil influences that might surround their boy. John only thought of helping along till another year's crops might come in. Finally they thought they could see their way clear, but it had cost them many sleepless nights and anxious days. They thought of several ways that they could economize. You were no doubt surprised when you heard nothing more said about the new overcoat for father, the nice new hat, the new dress for mother, and wondered why father sold the Hereford heifer, which you were so sure that he would not sell. But dear boys, they preferred to make those sacrifices to seeing the vacant chair at the table. So they managed to keep the family circle unbroken.

Father dislikes to see John leave home, and mother could not bear the thought of her dear boy being away in the great bustling, bustling city, with its glare and tinsel and unrealities, not knowing just where he would be, or how situated, in case he were ill, or whether, when he slept, his dear head would be resting on downy pillows, or thorns of grief.

Oh, boys, little do you know on the farm, of the many poor boys who have strayed away from the home nest, in their youth, not knowing that the great whirl and swirl, the gorgeous glitter, the pomp and pretensions, the apparent prosperity, were only the roar of the mighty tempest, which alas,

It used to be said that "hell hath no fury like a woman scorned," but an English suffragette beats that all to pieces.

Syndicates are formed to place railway bonds and why shouldn't they be formed to place responsibility for railway accidents?

Mr. Rockefeller says that he is in the best of condition physically. There is no doubt of his being in the best of condition financially.

The London Times is to have six correspondents in New York. Their duty will be to perform the duties that Squire Smalley once discharged.

A pretty schoolmarm at Saltburg, Penn., was chased by a bear which she mistook for a dog. The bear was attracted by her good looks.

Mr. Roosevelt's African hunting expedition will be sadly lacking in perfect organization if he makes no provision for press correspondents.

It's for "the good of the service" that the outcasts of society be herded into the new "red light" district, is it? Into whose net does these fish go? Over whose wheel does this water run?

The next time the suffragettes go to a public meeting, chain themselves to the seats and raise Ned generally, the custodians of the peace might turn loose a lot of mice among them.

If civic leagues, Utah Development leagues, and numerous similar organizations can promote civic betterment, Utah, ought, very soon, to be almost perfect. Organization after organization is being proposed, and plan after plan discussed. One of the first things to consider, though, is the elimination of the un-American, un-civilized sentiment that is best characterized as anti-Mormonism from all influence upon public affairs. Utah must be made American, by the establishment of perfect toleration. The anti-Mormon fight that has been waged in the interest of disappointed politicians must be ended, and if there are persons who deem it necessary to gratify their desire for revenge by continuing a course detrimental to all, they should at least be relegated to the rear.

JUST FOR FUN.

Nothing.
"Nature plans well for mankind's needs."
"I should say so. What could be more convenient than ears to hook spectacles over?"—Washington Herald.

The Diplomat.
Condescending Chappie—I weally can't remember your name, but I've an idea I've met you here before.
Nervous Host—O, yes, very likely. Its my house.—The Sketch.

Rural Helps.
Knicker—The uplift commission advocates gymnastics for the farmers.
Hocker—Fine, and they should have alarm clocks for the roosters.—New York Sun.

Santa Claus.
If he's a myth, as sages tell, let them make this much clear: Who is it that contrives so well to see that he broke each year?—Washington Star.

Explained.
The "poet laureate of Long Island" left an estate worth nearly a million dollars. His wealth is accounted for by the explanation that he was a truck farmer.—Rochester Democrat and Chronicle.

Visitor—"And what's this?" Host—"That's our new burglar alarm. Isn't it fine? I feel perfectly safe now." Visitor—"But why don't you have it in your bedroom? You can't possibly hear it down here in the basement." Host—"No, but if we had it in our room, it would wake the baby."—Cleveland Leader.

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