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INSULTING THE POOR.

The geniass that reels off political parapraphs for the Salt Lake Tribune takes many wild flights of fancy which he palms off for news. But about the worst of many such efforts is one on Thursday labeled, "Paupers Should Not Vote at Primaries."This is a pointer to an imaginary state of affairs in the Fifty-third district, which is set forth as "an ugly matter drawn into the contest for State delegates," Simmered down to something near tangibility, it amounts to a rumor and an alleged quotation. "It is said that the district is strongly opposed to sending a delegation to the State convention favorable to the candidacy of one of the gubernatorial candidates." Awful, is it not? Is the Fifty-third the only district that is not favorable to some "Candidacy?" And if it is not so favorable, what is to hinder its sending g delegation that will voice its favor or disfavor! But "the county infirmary is located in the district" and is stated to be "under the management of J. R. Jones," Well, no such person is in charge of it, but that is only a small blunder of the paragrapher. He goes on to state that "Superintendent Jones discussion of mutual improvement is quoted as saying that he has been advised to take the paupers to the primary and vote them for a particu Jar slate." Who quotes the Superintendent in that way?. Who has heard him say anything of the kind? How could he take the paupers to a primary and "vote them for a particular slate?" Who "advised" him to do so? The whole mess of nonsense was manufactured by the scribe who wrote it. The Superintendent of the infirmary denies the entire story. Nobody has so advised him; he never stated that he had received such advice; he hasn't inquired into the politics of the inmates of the institution; he doesn't know whether any of them want to go to the primary or to the polls; and he wouldn't know how to "vote them for a particular slate" if they were there. But all that doesn't matter much. On this assumed "ugly" state of affairs, it is claimed that "taxpayers justly resent" the "insult that rankles in their breasts," at the thought that paupers will be allowed to vote at the primaries. That "insult," we are told, "is nursed until it becomes a living force." Frightful, is it not? We should think "the property-owners of the district" had better quit that sort of "nursing," before the alleged insult becomes too much of a "force" within their breasts, or they might burst with that resentment which the Tribune man has manufactured for them. He has worked up a terrible bugagoo which he calls "pauper domination," and threatens what will happen if it appears in the convention. The facts in the case are, that a number of the inmates of the infirmary are too feeble to take part in a political meeting. There are others who might wish to attend, and who have just as good a right to do so as the richest citizen of the district. There are men there who have fought for their country and are pensioned by the government. There are some who paid taxes as long as they were able to do so, and were once in a position to pay more than many whose names now appear on the assessment rolls. It would be impertinent perhaps to compare those amounts with the sums charged on the rolls against the Tribune insulter of the indigent. But it is an open question whether he is a taxpayer at all, and if not, where does his kick against the paupers come in? Now where is the law, or rule, or custom which forbids an indigent person from voting at an election? What does the Constitution of our State mean when it provides: "No property qualification shall be required of any person to vote or hold office, except as provided in this Constitution." Art, 1, Sec. 4. The exceptions relate only to voting on property questions. If a cltizen can vote at the polls, he can vote at a primary. If he does not own a cent he is as free to cast a ballot as is i millionaire. Calling him a pauper does not take away his political rights. If only rich men and women and those who pay taxes were permitted to vote at primaries, the meetings would be mightily thinned out, and the purchas-

would be largely in the minority. The denouncers of "pauper votes" should not cry out too vehemently. The animus of the whole attack up-

on the inmates of the infirmary and its Superintendent, is manifest in the sur-

mise that he and they are "not favorable to the candidacy of one of the gubernatorial aspirants." It is nothing out a baseless suspicion. But suppose t were true. Is that any reason why they should not take part in the primary of their district? Is it a necessary qualification that the voter shall be "favorable to the candidacy" of a "gubernatial aspirant?" certain be "favorable to the candidacy" of must every voter be possessed of a given amount of lucre in order to be permitted to cast a ballot? There ught to be a censor with some brains to go over the copy turned in by the blased and brash berater of the unfortunate, whose - imagination defles facts and frequently runs into the regions of rhodomontade and absurdity.

And he had better not offer any further insults to worthy citizens because they happen just now to be poor.

DISREPUTABLE STILL.

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The Salt Lake Herald continues his malicious and uncalled for attack on the Deseret News, Our erratic contemporary designates as "rot" the assertion that the "News" has "published more matter favorable to the San Pedro project, and given more support to Senator Clark in pushing the enterprise than all the papers in Utah put togeth-And yet, that is strictly true. The denial of the Herald does not affect the truth of it in the least, any more than the barking of a dog at the moon changes the course of that luminary. Denials, without proof, count for nothing, when coming from such a source. The files of the papers are accessible, and those interested may, if they hoose, see for themselves whether the 'News" has ever uttered an unfriend-

ly word against the railroad in question. The Herald knows that it is not the "News" that has referred to that road as a "hot air line." Senator Clark knows something about the services the "News" has done to the project, and we have reason to believe that

those services have not been entirely unappreciated. But the special objective of the sec-

and attack of the Herald is our statement that, "we are led to doubt very much whether the senator ever wrote the words which are placed over his signature." That seems to have touched a sore spot. Nevertheless, we repeat that, "from the course which that paper daily pursues," we were led to doubt the genuineness of that card. For instance, only yesterday one of the local lights of our contemporary was permitted to publish a silly "pantomime," in which the evident aim was to give its readers the impression that certain political schemes were being concocted at the offices of the Church. The writer had happened to see a few members of the general board of the Improvement Association Mutual emerge from the place where they hold their regular board meetings for the work. This inspired him to compose his "pantomime." The entire piece was silly concoction of fiction, with hardly a grain of truth in it. Yet it conluded with the assertion that the 'performance," which was alleged to have taken place on the corner of South Temple and State streets, "supplied food for thought." The Herald is frequently guilty of the publication of such palpable falsehoods. They would be oftener noticed and exposed, were the paper of any importance in the community. But the question is, what right has the Herald to complain if its assertions are sometibes doubted? In this instance there is particularly good reason for doubt. The Deseret News, as a matter of news, reproduced part of an item that circulated in the press. If the item was not in accordance with facts, the "News" was no more responsible for that than the Herald is for the fake Cheefoo dispatches. If Senator Clark objected to it, his proper course would have been to inform the San Francisco Chronicle, or the paper in which it first appeared, of the facts. Or, if, as his alleged "card" seems to indicate, he holds the "News" responsbile, he would have asked the 'News' to correct the error. If the "News" had refused to do so, the Sen. ator would, perhaps, have been justified. in the attack made. Without any previous effort at correcting what is said to be a false rumor, the assault on the "News" had so little resemblance to the procedure of an honorable gentleman, and statesman, that we considered ourselves perfectly safe in exonerating the Senator and placing the blame elsewhere. Some newspapers, like some smallsouled persons, think they cannot come to the front, except by trampling down others. Having no merit of their own, they endeavor to attract attention by mud-slinging. We can in no other way account for the unwarranted attack of the Herald at this time. There is absolutely no excuse for it. It is emphatically disreputable journalism,

the officers of the league it is said that M. De Lanessau, former minister of the narine, is president while two senators, Maurice Faure, a cousin of the former president, and Armand Paullat, have been elected vice presidents.

When these patriots are talking about French protection for the South American republics, it would clear the situation considerably, if they would point out just what need those republics have at present of such protection. What danger is threatening that they Or themselves avoid? cannot that Uncle Sam cannot protect them from, provided they need foreign protection? This talk about French "hegemony" is pure nonsense; but if under it is hidden any scheme for the exploitation of South America, it had better cease at once. For South America is no more open to European expansionists, than Europe is to those that possibly may dwell here. Not as long as the United States occupies its present position in the western hemisphere.

Thy road to universal brotherhood through a union of nations of one race is a beautiful thought. But if French patriots are about to turn their country toward that goal, they should commence in Europe. France ought to take the lead in a coalition in which itself, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, and some of the Balkan states would be interested. When it shall have succeded in realizing the national brothrhood idea to that extent, it will be time enough to see what can be done about South America. In the meantime the Monroe doctrine is not dead. It is not even asleep.

A man may stand on a platform and not be above it.

Even Tom Watson knows that he has been nominated for President.

"Don't give up the ship," said Lawrence. And Japan replies, "I won't."

Most automobilists would rather run lown a man than run down their machine.

Secretary Taft thinks that one of our duties in the Philippines is to reduce the duty.

If Kuropatkin were a presidential candidate he would be placed in the 'also ran'' class.

The newest brands of contraband are marked, "Made in Russia," and not 'Made in Germany." The guns of the navy are to be resighted. The deeds of the navy are always being recited. When it comes to "disreputable jour-

nalism" every paper in the State takes off its hat to the S. L. H.

Russia and Japan both think that all is fair in war until one or the other gets the worst of it, when it protests.

Admiral Togo himself must feel kind of sneaking when he thinks of how

the councils of the nation for over a quarter of a century. He has served fulthfully and with great ability. When he finally retires, his memory will be respected by all.

THE BRITISH IN TIBET. Boston Herald.

Col. Younghusband's expedition has reached the "forbidden city" of Tibet. What will be done there remains to be seen. The Dalai Lama, the chief ruler, has fled in great shame to a monastery nd announces that he will remain in eclusion for three years. So the in sectusion for three years. So the in-vaders will have to transact their busi-ness with inferior officials or drag him out of hiding. Probably these will con-cede whatever is demanded. They cannot help themselves. The Novosti newspaper of St. Petersburg takes a philosophic view, saying "it is natural and right that Lhassa should be forced to force other long exclusion of civiliza. " This is the genuinely imperialis doctrine. Nothing has any right the world new except civilization d whatever is done in the name of civilization is right. Great is civiliza-tion, and especially great are its prophets who wear army stripes and speak by the many mouths of big guns.

New York World.

Eventually the ambans who represent the Chinese suzerain at the court of the Dalai have reached the sacred city Throughout all the Buddhist world will be known that the pledges of t Russian emissaries have not been kept, and that the czar could neither pro-tect Tibet from a military invasion nor guard the security of the sacred city Russian prestige in China will dwindly still smaller proportions. Brit estige will be immeasurably eased. Whatever arrangements Britis prestige reased. nade as to trade and a resident agent it Lhassa, this was the chief object f the expedition, and it has been at Lmassa, this was the chief object of the expedition, and it has been achieved. Now that the Younghusband mission has shown how easily Lhassa could be reached, the English them-selves must marvel that they did not go to the forbidden city long ago and project the marth explode the myth.

San Francisco Call.

Now that the troops of the Indian government have had to fight their way from the frontier right up to th gates of Lhassa itself, shedding muc libetan blood in the operation, it blainly a larger question than the end tablishment of a consular representa-tive in the forbidden city that the lead-er of this mission has to face. For the first time in the history of that strange land an army of white soldiers has faced the walls of its sacred city. Can taced the walls of its sacred city. Can it be reasonably expected that with these invaders there will be executed a mere treaty of trade relations? The power of circumstances to alter cases will probably receive convincing dem-onstration before Col. Younghusband begins the homeward trek. begins the homeward trek.

San Francisco Chronicle.

The circumstances of the British occupation of Tibet are interesting be-cause they correspond in some respects with the occupation of Manchuria by Russia, Both governments have pledged themselves, in conjunction with Japan and the United States and other Japan and the United States and other interested European powers, to preserve the integrity of China. But on the face of it the alienation of Tibet will be as much of an infringement of China's territorial integrity as the absorption of Manchuria by Russia or by Japan, should the latter claim it as the legiti-mate fruits of her war with the Musco-vite. While Japan entered on the war with the declaration that self-preserva-tion was the sole motive, and that if

Cincinnati Enquirer.

with the declaration that set preserva-tion was the sole motive, and that if she expelled the Rustans from Man-churia she would restore that territory to its original sovereignty, a possible change in her plans is now anticipated as the result of her successes in the way In effect May 30, 1904. Leave Sait Lake Leave Lagoon. BONES FOUND IN AN OHIO MOUND.

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FRENCH PROTECTION.

In Paris they are just now talking about the formation of a United States of South America under French protection. In fact, an association is said to have been formed which numbers thousands of members, and many prominent Frenchmen among them, the alm of which is to work for the consummation of that ideal. The name of the association is, we are told, "Ligue Latine de France et des Republiques America ines."

According to the enthusiasts of this association, "the people of the same race will necessarily lead the world toward the realization of universal brotherhood." . The primary intention of the league is to establish the closost possible political relations of France and the republics. A congress will be held next summer in Paris, to which delegates from the South American republics will be invited. There the mat- given up all hope of his recovery.

the Port Arthur squadron sneaked out

war.

Russia will meet the American view regarding contraband so far as foodstuffs are concerned. This shows that she is far seeing.

These Newport , robberies make it plain that the victims thereof do not propose to hide the light of their jewels under a bushel.

According to report, when General Stoessel heard the Japanese terms of surrender read, the swore worse than the army in Flanders.

Miss Boston treated the G. A. R. boys very handsomely, and in return the boys elected a Massachusetts man commander-in-chief. One good turn deserves another.

The attorney-general of Washington olds that under the revenue laws of that state the good will of a business is taxable. Exercise of the power will incur the ill will of the business,

New York public park band concerts dl begin with the "Star Spangled Banner," while in the West band concerts usually end with it. This goes to show how far apart the East and West are in their musical tastes.

Again the Sultan is maneuvering for delay in the matter of according equal rights to American schools in Turkey. It might be just as well to keep the American European squadron at Smyrna until the matter is finally settled and papers exchanged.

Work on the Panama canal is soon to be begun in earnest. The earnest of this is found in the fact that the Commission will have a full printing press outfit, which will go forward at the earliest possible moment. Its chief use will be to tell of the progress of the work, no doubt.

"To be forced to get up early" says an English physician, "grinds the soul, urdles the blood, swells the spleen, destroys all good intentions and disturbs all day the mental activities. Criminals are always recruited from the early-rising class." But what of those old sayings, "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a little boy healthy, wealthy and wise," and "It's the early bird that catches the worm?"

With genuine regret the people of this country learns of the fatai turn in the sickness of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts. From previous reports the hope seemed justified that he would pass successfully the critical moment, and once more appear on the stage of public life. But this, it seems, is not to be, if later reports are correct. Even the physicians are said to have id votes that are brought into use) ter will be thoroughly discussed. As to Senator Hoar has been prominent in



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