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OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS.

Munro has said that the education and training of children is the principal occupation of every civilized community.

The array of schools, the array of children and youth, the substantial school buildings, and the character and number of the teaching force in this State are such as to leave no doubt that Utah is well in the front ranks of civilization, if schools and a regard for education furnish any proof of such a condition. Probably nowhere else in the world is a larger proportion of the total income of the State devoted to education than in Utah; and probably nowhere else are the private or denominational schools relatively more numerous, active, and useful as helps toward the same great end.

It is a satisfaction to know that the various Latter-day Saints institutions are in a state of high and well deserved advancement; the Brigham Young University at Provo, the Brigham Young college, at Logan, and the Latter-day Saints High School of this city, all showing marked improvement in the matter of additional and better facilities for the work of education.

We note with pleasure the favorable conditions under which the University of Utah the head of the public school system of the state, will reopen next week; the continued progress in the affairs of the State Agricultural college; and the more general extension of the movement for local high schools throughout the State.

The local high schools of this city and elsewhere uniformly show development and extension.

The common schools, however, are the chief interest and reliance of the whole people. In general, these are well appointed and ably conducted. But, as is the case in most, if not all, other places, they have not yet come to mean what both the real educators of the nation and the progressive and alert portions of every community desire them to be.

The common schools are the poor man's chief hope for his children. Many of the children may not get beyond eighth grades. They may begin work of some kind. It is therefore important that the common school shall provide as much as possible of all that is best, most helpful, and most truly educative in the life of these future workers of the commonwealth.

That as much of reality of life, of industry, as is possible under present conditions, should be incorporated into school training, has become an accepted and undisputed maxim in the theories of nearly all educators. The important thing is to supply the necessary facilities, apparatus, highly trained teachers, and the co-operative assistance of the community as a whole; and all this cannot be done without the expenditure of additional means and the creation of such a public sentiment as will sustain these modern ideals of the function of common schools.

Yet we believe the time is coming, and is perhaps very near at hand, when the public free schools, both of the elementary branches and of the high school grades, will be the common centers for a training in which the arts, the industries, and the culture of modern life shall constitute a well balanced whole and shall prepare the future citizens in no uncertain way for the important duties of life in this land of opportunity and progress.

THAT DISTRICT.

It is conceivable that the party bosses who control the council and speak through the columns of the Tribune have at least two reasons for opposing the removal of the so-called red-light district from the center of the town to the West side. One is that the opposition may possibly gain for the so-called American party votes from the West side.

The other, is that it is almost sure to retain for the party the Commercial street vote.

Those bosses are politicians. They were going to make a grand stand play by pretending to remove from the center of the City the accumulated moral filth. They were going to give a regular pyrotechnic display of morality preliminary to next election, and so the plan of establishing another red-light district was encouraged. But the opposition became too serious, and a change of tactics was suddenly decided on. They are first of all politicians.

But, in changing tactics they left the Mayor in the lurch. And that is a particularly mean and contemptible trick, in view of the fact that the party victory at the last election was principally due to his name and standing in the community.

Mayor Bransford on the 31st of July, last, was quoted as having very strongly advocated the removal of the district. He said, as quoted, that he had looked into the situation carefully and had "invited men of wide experience on this subject to discuss it" with him, and after the most careful investigation he had arrived at the conclusion, that a removal was best for the City. Who the men "of wide experience" in the red-light district were, we have no means of knowing. We believe, however, we can safely say that the bosses of the party were consulted in addition to the men of "wide experience," and that there was a general agreement as to the removal before the Mayor consented to talk for publication and the

building operations commenced. However, when the opposition developed, the leaders cowardly deserted the Mayor and thereby made it appear that he alone is to blame, while they wash their hands in innocence. Was such an episode worthy ever played in any other city?

But nobody is deceived by it. The Mayor, in good faith, undertook the proposed "reform," because he felt sure that it would benefit the City. Now his party advisers refuse to stand by him, as they, we dare say, had promised to do. They have, we believe, broken faith with him, just as faith was broken with the people in the expenditure of the one million dollars bond money borrowed a few years ago.

Now let the Mayor take an independent position and suppress the red-light district entirely. He has been led to take cognizance of its existence. His duty, under the law, is to suppress it, or to make an effort to suppress it, at least. Let the Mayor act independently, and the people will stand by him.

TURKISH AFFAIRS.

It is recorded as a notable incident that a Turkish consul honored a meeting of Zionists in New York with his presence. This may mean that a better feeling has been established between the different races in Turkey. Or, it may mean that Zionism is considered important enough in Turkey to be carefully watched. The Turkish consul in New York is on record as liberal in his views and his presence at that meeting may be merely a personal endorsement of the Zionist movement which aims at liberty for the Hebrew race.

Under a liberal rule in Turkey it is probable that Jewish immigration into Palestine may be facilitated and encouraged. The resources of the Holy Land would be so developed as to render it capable of supporting a much larger population than it now can sustain. This would be encouraging to the Zionists who, undoubtedly, would take advantage of the new conditions in the hope of gaining autonomy ultimately. And it is quite possible that the revolution in Turkey is but a preliminary to the triumph of Zionism.

The "Young Turks" aim at the strengthening of Turkey against Europe. The crisis was precipitated by the threatened action of the Powers in Macedonia. As long as Abdul Hamid reigned alone, Turkey was being brought nearer to dismemberment. To avert such a catastrophe, to keep the Empire intact and make it modern, is the work to which the new party has set itself.

But Europe has for at least 150 years supposed that Turkey was destined to go to pieces and finally disappear. The only question was, who should get the pieces. Will Europe now welcome the possibility of seeing Turkey a strong and independent power? Will Germany abandon her policy in Asia Minor? Turkey has been so long under the tutelage of Europe and is bound by so many treaties, that there are a thousand ways in which Europe can intervene in her affairs. Suppose Europe intervenes? That might be the most direct road to the independence of Palestine. Time alone can tell.

WHENCE DISHONESTY?

Colonel Weinstock, who was commissioned by the Governor of California to look into the conditions of labor in Europe, and related questions, says that "the Germans cannot understand what seems to them a paradoxical condition in our country. They ask, 'How is it that individually you Americans as a rule are the soul of honor, yet collectively in your municipal administrations you seem to be a pack of thieves?'"

David Lubin is said to have made a similar remark and suggested that a general attendance at primaries would change this condition. Because so many honest citizens fail to do their duty in the primaries, dishonesty prevails in many places in the administration of public affairs.

The Sacramento Bee holds that public ownership of public utilities would change matters for the better. That paper says:

"The Bee has often held, and circumstantial evidence will prove it, that the reason for the phenomenal decrease of municipal corruption in European cities comes from the public ownership of public utilities. Before the public utilities were owned by the people, for instance, in the cities of England, the corruption there was so notorious that it was exploited by novelists. As the people began to own their public utilities better men were put up for office and more honesty developed in municipal positions. The same would undoubtedly be the result here. For a few years there might be corruption, as there was corruption for a few years in these English cities, but gradually the best citizens would take a pride in running for office and in governing the cities where they had so many great interests to look out for."

Well, our system may have its imperfections, but the great trouble is that public office is regarded as "spoils" belonging to the "victor." The entire conception of municipal government is absurd, as long as the offices are considered in the light of loot belonging to the stronger of two or more hostile parties. If offices, instead, were filled as a result of friendly consultation between all citizens, with a view to the furtherance of the best interests of all, there would be no need of any radical change in the system. We need honest citizens, who clearly understand the duties and responsibilities of citizenship. Water will rise just as high as its sources, and governments will be just as good as the ranks from which the officials are taken, no matter what system of government prevails.

THE CONDITION.

Notwithstanding the winning and snivelling protestations of the anti-Mormon organs, about the growth of Salt Lake under so-called American administration, the fact remains incontrovertible that the most phenomenal development of the City, and the entire region, took place before anti-Mormonism succeeded in gaining influence. Anti-Mormonism checked the material growth of Utah, to some extent. It could not keep the Territory back entirely, owing to its vast resources and natural advantages, but it did what it could. But for that un-American element

which unscrupulous adventurers infused into public life for the furtherance of their own personal ambition, Utah would today have been one of the most populous states of the interior mountain region. The advertising agency anti-Mormonism seeks to further its selfish, traitorous, un-American plots, is such that many home-seekers and investors pass us by. This is a fact known to all who know anything about Utah.

It is a matter of congratulation that the people generally are beginning to comprehend the true situation. They are beginning to understand the injury done to the vital interests of Utah by a bevy of political intrigues. They are beginning to realize that the cruel slanders of the Latter-day Saints and their leaders, dead and living, are not justified. We look forward toward the awakening of a healthier public sentiment which shall demand the eradication of anti-Mormonism, and the establishment of truly American conditions in Utah. Then the City will grow by leaps and bounds. But not till then.

The (dead)-lock game seems a popular one in Iowa.

Congressman Lilley of Connecticut has blomed out as a gubernatorial aspirant.

"Speaking terms" to the ordinary mortal and the professional lecturer has two different meanings.

Those contrasting sisters, fame and notoriety, are fickle. Look at poor Harry Thaw and all the others. Not long ago their personal scandals were meat for the morbid. Today they have dropped into oblivion. Harry Thaw is almost forgotten. The public doesn't care whether they keep him in an insane asylum or appoint him dog catcher of Binghamville.

Russell Sage, for the consolation of common mortals, has left in his vaults worthless securities representing millions of which men who were more shrewd than he were able to victimize him. Though Mr. Sage was crafty enough for all practical purposes, like other mortals, he sometimes fell a victim to those who were craftier, or luckier, than he was.

We commend the following to the careful consideration of students in all our schools and institutes of learning. It is by Theodore Parker:

"Wisdom—it is bread, it is beauty, it is protection, it is all forms of riches, in fact or in possibility. Thought is power over matter; thereby do we put want at defiance. Do you wish to increase the riches of America, of Massachusetts, to enlarge the amount of food, houses, clothes, means of comfort and ornament? Do you wish to put national poverty at defiance? Enlarge the power of thought. The mind of New England runs through the school-house and the church over the ditch of poverty, where lies many another country that never took its start from the schoolhouse, and so failed to leap the ditch, and there lies to perish."

The movement started in this city to furnish the blind with work and amusement is a noble one. With little thought and some money the blind can be taught to get something sweet out of life, even under their terrible circumstances. Supt. Griggs of the state school for such unfortunate has offered to assist the Salt Lake association in lending books of raised-letter style and do whatever he, or his associates can. It would be better if more things of this nature would be consummated. It robs the world of its coldness and encourages the brotherhood of man, the sisterhood of women and the spirit that all of us have one Father.

A circular was addressed by the Holy Synod of Russia to all believers, appealing to them not to participate in the celebration on September 9 in honor of Count Leo Tolstoy's eightieth birthday. The administrative provincial authorities are bestirring themselves at the eleventh hour to check the observance of the count's birthday, and the governors of the provinces of Moscow, Warsaw, Saratov, Simbirsk, have resorted to the provisions of martial law to veto the celebrations arranged by the municipalities. But, if they were asked to explain, they would undoubtedly say that they are not persecuting Tolstoy. They are merely protecting the state against an anarchist. Persecutors always lie about their aims and motives.

One of the biggest conventions Salt Lake has ever had, with the exception, perhaps, of the Jubilee, will be the coming G. A. R. national gathering. Thousands of strangers will visit this city. Everybody can help. The house with an extra room can provide accommodations for one or two and in this way all will be made comfortable. The Commercial club in this city is to have a chance to show itself. Everything ought to be mapped out at once, begun as soon as possible and carried to completion without delay. And one thing everyone should remember, being fair and honest with visitors makes them feel that they are really welcome, and they will come again. The central committee should take it upon itself personally to have the whole town under its direction. Salt Lake is becoming too big and important a convention center to permit any unfair treatment to visitors at the hands of the thoughtless, or avaricious.

It is written on the books of the United States government that no one who is unable to support himself or those dependent on him, shall be permitted to come into America, and so far as known this rule has never been read but one way. So the Tribune, as is usual, is only exhibiting malice when snarling at Senator Smoot and criticizing the Senator because he did not argue with the immigration officials at Boston, when they debarred the Rott family because its members, in their judgment, were dependent upon a helpless father. Utah Senators are not in the habit of urging officials to break the rules by which they are guided, or circumvent laws that are in force. Anti-Mormons advocated the setting aside of the Constitution for an alleged "higher" law, but that precedent is not followed by decent citizens. It is to be regretted that laws cannot force news-

papers of the Tribune style to be fair and decent.

JUGGLING WITH LAW.

New York World.
Legal scene-shifters are busy preparing for what may prove the last act of a drama which has stretched patience almost to the breaking point. The slayer of Stanford White has been declared a bankrupt by a United States court in Pittsburgh. If a creditor objects that that state is insane, it is claimed, may be taken to Pittsburgh and there examined. Occasionally courts differ on this point (witness the Chancery case), and should a Pennsylvania tribunal declare him of sound mind his return to New York is problematical. Thaw is not a convict. He was acquitted on the ground of insanity existing at the time of the murder. No evidence was offered that he was insane when the trial took place. To all intents there was a verdict of unsound mind at the instant the trigger was pulled; it was consistent with a finding of sound mind the instant before and the instant after. Justice Dowling sent him to Matteawan to be held so long as his insanity lasted. Thaw is entitled to have this question tried by a jury, but a jury trial has not been sought. Legal presumption is in favor of sanity and unless this is disproved to the satisfaction of the Pennsylvania courts how can he be held in that state? So runs the legal reasoning. It leads to a strange conclusion. Should Thaw under such a focus-point become free in any state except New York, justice would be travestied. No case can furnish a better illustration of the disastrous results of the clashing of state sovereignties and of the state and national tribunals, each supreme within its own sphere.

FAITHLESS CRITICS.

Clement K. Shorter, in the Sphere.
The fact is that there is not sufficient independence of judgment today in criticizing poetry. Most of our critics are merely prose men with a great perception of the best that is in English prose, but with no judgment whatever with regard to poetry. In this branch of literature they are prepared to take established reputations for granted. One sees how distinctly this is the case by their treatment of living poets. It is not only that the public will not buy your living poet, most of our critics have no faculty whatever for estimating him.

TOO READY FRIENDS.

Lord Chesterfield.
Be upon your guard against those who, upon very slight acquaintance, obtrude their unasked and unwelcome friendship and confidence upon you, for they probably earn you with them only for their own eating; but, at the same time, do not roughly reject them upon that general supposition. Examine further and see whether those unexpected offers flow from a warm heart and a silly head or from a designing head and a cold heart, for knavery and folly have often the same symptoms.

JUST FOR FUN.

"What were your impressions of Atlantic City?" asked the reporter.
"I do not understand how that could interest the public," replied the titled alien.

"Why," exclaimed the reporter, "you're a peer, and in this peerless country if a peer appear at a pier and peer, of course we'd like to know how it struck him."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"So you want to be my son-in-law, do you?" asked the mother-in-law.
"Can't say that I do," replied the truthful young man; "but I want to marry your daughter, and I suppose there's no way to avoid it."—Life.

"Have you any original ideas as to how a nursery should be furnished?"
"I have a first class idea, but I should hardly like to claim that it is original."
"What is it?"
"I think all nurseries should be furnished with babies."—Houston Post.

"It is just our luck."
"What is?"
"When our piano was delivered none of the neighbors was at home, but when it was taken away by the installment man they all had their heads out their windows a yard."—Houston Post.

"The reasoning in your campaign talk," remarked the audience friend, "is good; but I doubt the correctness of the premises."
"My constituents don't care for premises," answered Senator Sorghum. "They're interested in promises."—Washington Star.

"Well," howled the bill collector in the hallway below, through the mouth piece pertaining to the occupant of the top flat, "are you ready to settle that top account? Will it be of any use for me to climb the stairway? Why don't you speak up?"

"Because, sir," answered a soft, gentle voice through the tube, "I am trying to speak down. No, it won't be of any use."—Chicago Tribune.

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