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## A GREAT SUCCESS.

The "See America First" convention, so far, has been eminently successful. Representative men from many States of the Union have responded to the invitation to come to Salt Lake and confer upon a plan, to promote the movement towards home travel and make Americans acquainted with America. The reasons why this movement should receive the aid of all patriotic people are eloquently set forth in the plan submitted to the convention, and endorsed by representatives from all the States and societies participating in the conference.

It now remains for the officers of the permanent organization to carry out the practical measures designed, and make the "See America First" movement an active force, for the accomplishment of the object in view. The sentiments expressed in the paper presented and in the addresses of the speakers are admirable and to the point. The spirit of patriotism they kindle is truly American. The attractions of our country set forth are of such grandeur and beauty as to thrill the soul of every man and woman who love their country. But we are face to face with the work to be done, and that is the milk in the big cocoanut.

We believe that the organization effected will evolve such measures of a practical character as will lead up to the grand object in view, and that it will be kept alive and energetic, and will grow in power with its continuance, and will result in immense benefit, commercially and morally, advancing business interests of all kinds, bringing together people who ought to know each other, inspiring devotion to country and its institutions, and welding together the America people in bands of brotherhood and mutual interest. We therefore congratulate the members of the convention and especially its originators and promoters, on the success already achieved and the encouraging prospects that shine so brightly ahead.

## THE "NEWS" AND THE NEGRO.

The Utah Plain Dealer, published "in the interests of the Negro race," in its latest issue has an editorial attack on the Deseret News, at which we are somewhat surprised, as the colored gentleman at the head of that paper is usually very fair and friendly, and would not, we believe, knowingly do the Deseret News an injustice.

It appears that offense is taken at some strictures that appeared in the local columns of this paper, concerning the appointment of a negro to a public office in this city. Examination of the article referred to, shows very clearly that no objection was made to the appointee on account of his race, or color, or anything else but his status as an offender against the statutory laws and municipal ordinances, and his association with the lowest and most immoral element in town.

If our friends on the Plain Dealer desire to test the truth of that which was alleged in this paper, we refer them to the police court records, which we believe will establish the correctness of every word that appeared in our local columns. And we believe that after making that investigation, they will agree with us in the opinions expressed, which are those of a large number of colored citizens of this city, including many of their church-going people.

The Deseret News, as is well known to the gentleman whose name appears at the head of the Plain Dealer, has always championed the cause of the colored race when they have been placed in a false light before the public, and has never exhibited any hostility to them on account of their physical differences from their Caucasian brothers. We have stood up for the rights of the negro when there was a pronounced prejudice against him, consequent upon the vile crimes committed by individuals who were amenable to the law. In doing so we have been open to criticism of the defenders of lynch law in certain cases, but we have invariably maintained our position and declared against mob violence, no matter under what conditions it has been aroused or the great provocation which has occasioned it.

That there should be the same law and the same protection for the colored as for the white races, has been contended for by the Deseret News always and without variation. It comes, therefore, with poor grace from a paper which professes to be published in the "moral interests of the Negro" to attack the Deseret News, which has been the colored man's friend from the beginning. And it is wrong, even shameful, for the Plain Dealer to endeavor to misrepresent this paper in the manner of the attack at which we complain. Its language is vulgar and unjustifiable, and the implication that the "News" desires to "create hatred and arouse sentiment against hundreds of peaceful, law-abiding and respectable property owners of this city," is so

palpably untrue as to be really ludicrous.

The "News" has said nothing against any of the "respectable property owners of this city," whether colored or white. It gave reasons, taken from the public records of this city, why one negro, who has been frequently before the police court, charged with public offenses, and also as a sponsor for the lowest colored females of the town, ought not to be appointed to a public office. The appointment has been made, and the "News" would have had nothing more to say on the subject, if the Plain Dealer, under pretense of defending people who were not assailed, had not rushed into print with an attack upon this paper in a rabid and senseless style, and, by the by, in a chopped off manner without any conclusion.

The respectable colored population of Salt Lake City are with the "News" on the matter that has brought forth the Plain Dealer's ill-considered effusion, and with the general attitude of this paper in relation to the colored race. They know we are their friends, and they take no stock in the foolish and frenzied attack of the so-called Plain Dealer.

## DOWIE'S DIFFICULTIES.

We have already given a brief account of the troubles in Dowie's city, near Chicago. The "overseer" found it necessary to travel for his health, which is rather strange, in view of the claims he has made for years as to health and sickness. He appointed a committee to have charge of the financial affairs of the community, and now this committee, it is said, refuses to relinquish its hold.

According to the reports published in Chicago papers, the creditors are not willing to extend time on overdue bills on any other condition than the exclusion of Dowie from the control of the finances. The reason for this is not clear, but it is supposed that the "overseer" has spent money lavishly on himself, traveling around the world almost like a prince, and possibly this has something to do with the distrust of the creditors.

One of the leaders now in charge is quoted as having said that the introduction of outside industries in "Zion" and a more practical policy would be of general benefit. Many of our people, he continued, intermittently thrown out of jobs by lack of work at the "Zion" industries, would find continued prosperity under an administration less visionary.

Dowie's community has experienced financial troubles before, and the end of it has been predicted more than once. It would therefore not be safe to conclude that the present difficulty is a prelude to the dissolution of the denomination. But, it would by no means be surprising to learn that the end is very near. Dowie is chiefly an imitator, without any message from on high. In his New York campaign, where he had every opportunity of accomplishing a great mission, had he had any, he failed utterly, on account of the character of his discourses and the absurdity of his claims. It would not be surprising to learn that the empty bag has refused to stand any longer, or that the waves of time have washed away the little sand castle on the beach. The catastrophe must come sooner or later.

## WHY NOT A REPUBLIC.

A French journalist, in a recently published brochure, takes the view that England and France are responsible for the throttling of the republican sentiment in Norway. England, he claims, was anxious to see the present arrangement consummated, because the placing of Prince Charles and an English princess upon the Norwegian throne, virtually reduces Norway to a British dependency, a sort of vassal state, such as Portugal has been since the treaty of Methuen. By her paramount influence in both Denmark and Norway, England obtains control of the entrance to the Baltic, and this was, according to the French writer, the object the British government had in view.

The same authority maintains that the Norwegian republicans asked for the support of France in vain. France did not dare to support a real republic on the flanks of Russia and Germany. "Allied to the czar," he says, "to whom she loaned \$2,400,000,000 that he may keep his people in servitude; friend of the Red Sultan, before whom all the politicians are passing in quest of diamonds and of rich concessions; gay hostess of all the Kings who shoot their subjects; governed by the laws of Napoleon and Charles X, by the ordinances of Louis XV and Louis XIV, by an arbitrary bureaucracy, by the cruel and ridiculous prejudices of obsolete castes, the French Republic does not care to be confronted by the contrast she would suggest in presence of a republic which is genuinely republican."

This is a little bit of inside history, which is of considerable interest. All acquainted with the strongly republican sentiment of the Norwegians were puzzled when the leaders of the revolution declined to give the people a chance of voting for or against a republican form of government. The cause of this may be found in the attitude of the dominant powers of Europe toward the late Scandinavian union.

## DUTIES OF CITIZENS.

The Pueblo Chieftain takes occasion to preach a short editorial sermon on "an essential of citizenship," and to remind its readers of the important truth, that the success of our plan of government depends entirely on the ability of the citizens to form an intelligent opinion on public questions, and on their willingness to see to it that their wishes are carried out by the men they place in office. These are truths that cannot be too often brought to the attention of American citizens. Conspirators are always at work to deprive them of their rights. They take advantage of their ignorance of the questions at issue, or of their indifference. And the result is the perversion of the best form of government ever conceived by man, into an instrument

for the furtherance of selfish purposes.

Our Pueblo contemporary says, in part: "It is a matter of comparatively slight importance whether a man is deprived of his vote by force of law and those other conditions that we are accustomed to associate with the name of tyranny, or whether he is merely permitted to vote to be taken from him through ignorance or carelessness of his civic duty."

"Perfect self-government is possible only in a community where every citizen is well informed upon matters of public interest, and where every citizen takes the trouble to participate in those political actions by which the course of public affairs is determined."

"The political gang, which is the source of so much adverse comment at the present time, owes its opportunity for evil entirely to the ignorance, the civic laziness of the average citizen. There are only a few, comparatively, of the voters in any community that are deliberately determined upon the misappropriation of public funds or the misuse of public power. But the ignorant citizen allows himself to become an instrument of evil in the hands of selfish and ambitious men, while the lazy citizen by his absence from conventions and elections and by his lack of interest in public questions renounces his citizenship, and makes himself a nullity so far as his political influence is concerned, and permits the usurping minority to wield the public power in a manner that the majority of citizens do not approve."

The subject is frequently urged with more or less earnestness just before elections, but the time between the campaigns, when there is little or no political excitement, is best suited for the intelligent study of the questions that are likely to come up. With the educational facilities American citizens have, and the opportunities of forming independent opinions, there is really no excuse for that ignorance in which ambitious aspirants for power find their opportunity for evil.

The clam is said to be vanishing. Don't be a clam!

A prerequisite to "See America first" is a cheap railroad rates.

The backbone of winter, while broken, seems to keep knitting.

Young Decatur's name has been changed from Stephen to Dennis.

"Grafting doesn't pay when it's known you graft," says the grafter.

To the Unionists the Liberal victories must look like a besom of destruction.

Mr. Bryan says that Japanese babies never cry. Then they don't need tending.

The editor of Town Topics is a Mann "for a' that, and a' that, and twice as muckle a' that."

Only one senator has attacked the President, but two have defended him. It was not necessary.

Pontiney Bigelow didn't even refuse the crown of martyrdom once. It was never offered to him.

Mr. Spry's nomination makes some people so mad that they should be sent to the insane asylum.

Richard Mansfield says all the world's a stage and every man's an actor. The man must have been reading Shakespeare.

If the Senate follows the example of the House, it will do Arizona and New Mexico no good to plead misjoinder of parties.

How much would the people who paid from \$1,500 to \$2,500 to get into Fads and Fancies now be willing to pay if they had never got in?

How many millions would John D. Rockefeller give to know that ultimately his memory will be held in as high esteem as is the memory of Marshall Field?

The Imperial Chinese commissioners have inspected the naval academy and seen a court-martial for hazing; but they missed the hazing, which is the real thing.

Senator Spooner says that the framers of the Constitution did not mean to create a baby nation. Possibly not, but they certainly were not in favor of race suicide.

A Pittsburgh justice of the peace fined two men forty dollars a piece for driving their horse at the top of his speed. They did so to escape from highway robbers. Pittsburgh is the place where they still have and enforce blue laws.

The "viper" is terribly rattled at the least allusion to its venom, and the ingrate gnashes its teeth against its benefactors. But that does not matter. The public understand its rage, and its coils and darts and hissings are as harmless as they are vindictive and pitiable.

## MOURNING FOR DIVORCEES.

New York American.  
Divorcees are becoming so frequent that it will soon be necessary to draw up an entirely new code of the rules of etiquette in connection therewith. Thus just at present people here are discussing the extent to which the death of a divorced husband should be noticed by his former wife. There seems to be a pretty general consensus of opinion that the touch of purple worn by Mrs. Travers has imparted to her hats or her gowns, or to both, since the beginning of the season, constitutes all that is necessary in the way of a tribute to the man whose name she continues to bear, and who met with such a tragic end last fall. Purple is one of the mourning colors. It constitutes the expression of a grief less intense than that implied by black.

## BIG FORTUNES.

Harper's Weekly.  
Today it is computed that there are in the United States no fewer than 73 estates that average in value \$5,000,000 each. There are ten estates of \$10,000,000 each, five of \$20,000,000 each, and one of \$50,000,000 each. These, namely, of John D. Rockefeller, Andrew Carnegie, Marshall Field, W. K. Vanderbilt, John Jacob Astor, J. P. Morgan, Russell Sage, J. I. Hill, Senator W. A. Clark, and William Rockefeller. There are 409 fortunes aggregating \$3,000,000,000, and 1,801 aggregating \$10,000,000,000. Five thousand men in this country, whose aggregate wealth is estimated at \$15,000,000,000, actually own to say nothing of how much they control nearly one-sixth of our entire national wealth.

money, land, mines, buildings, industries, franchises and everything else of value; which, if put into gold, would give them all of the yellow metal above ground in the world and leave more than \$5,000,000,000 still owing them.

## AT ALGECIRAS.

Pueblo Chieftain.  
It will be the Moorish policy to wait until the European powers have reached an agreement upon what they are going to do in Morocco. Such an agreement is not at all certain to come, and if it does not, the Moor will be relieved of any responsibility to obey the mandate of the powers. But if the conference does reach an agreement, then it will be the turn of the Moors for say whether the result is acceptable to them or not. If not, then it will remain to be seen whether the powers will be able to agree upon a policy of coercion.

## CHINA'S NEW CAREER.

San Francisco Call.  
China has in good earnest entered upon a new career, requiring equal intercourse with the rest of the world, based upon participation in institutions and the education of her people in modern ways. In this she needs and deserves encouragement, not only for her own sake, but in the best interests of the whole world. What can impress that empire more favorably, or knit its friendship and secure its commercial favor more than such an act of generosity as recognition of this indemnity in such form as best to promote the new program of reform? It presents us in an entirely unselfish and most just and humane attitude, that is highly honorable to the United States and as highly useful to China.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The January number of the National Geographic Magazine opens with a paper by General A. W. Greely on "Geographical Exploration, Its Moral and Material Aspects," this is followed by an illustrated article on "The Florida Keys," by John Gifford. The report of the "Annual Banquet of the National Geographic Society" is very interesting, and another feature of interest is a series of illustrations of "Monasteries in the Alps." Other articles are: "A Modern Viking," "Drifting Across the Pole," "Some Russian Pictures," "Geographical Literature," and "Effects of Tropical Light on White Men." Hubbard Memorial Hall, Washington, D. C.

Stories of important movements and strenuous combat are the dominant traits of McClure's for February. After the peep behind the curtains afforded by the sessions of the Interstate Commerce commission, and of the legislative insurance investigation, and by the upheaval of last fall's political campaign, there are disclosures in this number concerning railroad abuses, life insurance juggling and political trickery. An editorial under the title "Manufacturing Public Opinion," lets in a little light on the shadows of the publicity making methods which has gilded some of the structures of the life insurance companies, and of the get-rich-quick-and-get-rich-at-any-cost corporations; and it lets the public gaze on these publicity men flogging some editors and buying others, but always drawing the wool over the eyes of paying citizens, of whose press they try to make a trust trumpet. In addition to these, the number contains articles of scientific and general interest and fiction of great excellence.—The S. S. McClure Co., 40-46 East 23rd St., New York.

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