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## THE PAST AND THE FUTURE.

A few hours more and another year is past. It has been a remarkable year in many respects.

In the valleys of the mountains the hosts enlisted in the glorious cause of anti-Mormonism have done their utmost to sow the dragon teeth of contention, strife, heart-burning, and bitterness. They have done all that money and brains can do to crush hearts and homes and injure the material interests of the region. But, notwithstanding all these efforts, business has flourished as never before, and the future is bright. The Church leaders, against whom the poisonous shafts have been directed, are strong in the power and inspiration that comes from above, and they have the respect, love and confidence of their fellow-men in general, as well as the saints. The Church has grown in strength and influence, as well as in numbers, and the principles of the Gospel have continued to penetrate the thought of the world. Persecution has not impeded the progress of the work. It may have proved the hearts of men, and revealed their true character. But, as regards the Church of Christ, it has served only as the storm that makes the roots of the oak take a firmer hold in the soil, and the branches to become all the more strong and sturdy. We do not forget that the oak needs sunshine as well as storms, but when the latter rage, we find them serving a useful purpose in the economy of Providence, and that is one of the great lessons of the year that is now ebbing away. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn." (Is. 54: 17.)

The United States was never more prosperous. Unprecedented crops, big wages, and demand for all the products of labor are the characteristics of the time. Thousands have flocked to our shores, to share our prosperity. But notwithstanding this, warnings have been given by Providence, in the form of disasters that have made the earth tremble. It is probable that in the neighborhood of 100,000 people lost their lives in earthquakes and other convulsions of nature. It has also been a year of "investigations," resulting in drastic legislation, the shipwreck of reputations, and even deaths. This is an altogether unique chapter of American history.

Abroad many notable events have taken place. Russia has had a year of turmoil. In France the state has made war upon the Catholic church, and in Cuba an insurrection resulted in the resignation of President Palma. There are only some of the leading foreign events. But all through the year, the truth is declared in the trend of history that "God omnipotent reigneth."

We have, all of us, had our own individual experience. Every human heart has its own history. In this record of the year has written many paragraphs of widely differing contents. Much of our experience may be considered closed, while much is continued. We have had joy and we have had sorrow; we have had trials and temptations; and we have had victories. All these experiences have helped forming our character. They have been lessons to us, that should enable us to fulfill our duties in the future with more fidelity than before. Only so will the lessons of the past be of value to us for the future.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL!

Threefold the stride of Time, from first to last!  
Latterling now, the Future creepeth,  
Arrow-swift, the present sweepeth,  
And motionless forever stands the Past.

On the summit of tonight's midway a year will die. On the divide of the same mystic mountain top another year will be born. To the dying one farewell—to the one that succeeds it, all hail! Deep into the eternal shadows is the present swiftly sweeping. Emerging from the mists comes the future with equally rapid pace. For neither is there any turning back. It is inevitable that the one must come and the other go. As we fix our thoughts on the days ahead we can say, "Let the dead past bury its dead," and retrospectively and concurrently exclaim, "The old is dead; now live the new!"

People of Utah, as you watch the sun rise of the New Year, are you not deep down in the innermost recesses of your hearts thankful beyond expression that you are citizens of this glorious state? Do you not realize that its possibilities are well nigh limitless? As you look upon the picture that Father Time is about to present to you from the gallery of the infinite do you not think it beautiful and worth contending for to the last ounce of your energies? Of course you do. Then see to it that the defamers and mudslingers do not belaud or destroy it. Gird up your loins and put on your armor for the defense of it. There are hard battles to be fought and you must fight them. It might as well be understood that the doom of the knocker, state wrecker and retrogradeist must be sounded. The peace and progress of Utah demand it.

Therefore, comrades in the struggle for the right, lay hold of your truth

weapons with a new grip. Grasp them as you never grasped them before. Wield them with the strength and courage of a people whose state has been ruthlessly, shamelessly maligned. Put the traducers to rout. There should be no place in this commonwealth for rule or ruin ringers. When they are made to feel the ignominy they so well deserve, then peace and progress will come to Utah and all her people; and it is the duty of ALL HER PEOPLE to see that this is done.

The Almighty never permitted the unending from the scroll of Time a year on which the Bow of Promise was so brilliantly emblazoned as the one whose dawn is now bursting. Why, we will have but to reach our hands into the exhaustless treasure house of opportunity to make this city and state the wonder and admiration of all men. What is your mood? How beat your hearts? Will you do your share? If we will pull together we will win. There must be no lagging to hold back, no shirkers left to sink away when victory shall come as it will: 1907 is to be a year of advancement. Development will be bewilderingly great. Salt Lake City will step forward to the air of progressive music and sing the song of a modern growth. The whole state will take up the refrain and a veritable pean of praise will fill the valleys and ring from the mountain tops.

As to the Old Year, its course has run. We can deal with it no more. It has gone forever. It brought us many blessings for which we are grateful, and some sorrows we cannot wipe away. We can only think of them as lightly as possible, and hope that the trials yet untasted and the cup unsipped may not be too bitter to drain. What we should think of and deal with now is the present and the future. If we have made mistakes, let us correct them. If we have had losses, let us retrieve them. Now is the time to resolve and do; to remember we are one year nearer the grave; to ponder over the solemn fact that we are twelve long months closer to the call that will summon us into other scenes and changes in the "eternity whose end no eye can reach."

## TELL IT ALL, MR. MULVEY!

Mr. Mulvey is to resign from the city council tonight. He has said so himself, and he should know. Behind his stepping down and out of office is a story the full details of which would prove mighty interesting reading just now. A professional politician, a saloonman and prizefight promoter by occupation, he early identified himself with the "American" party movement in this city and was soon recognized as one of its principal pillars, particularly at vote-getting time. For a long while there have been rumors to the effect that, familiar with "modern methods of municipal government" as he is, he could not stand for some of the things that were being done in the name of Sheets, Raleigh and Reform.

Now comes the crash, and with it the parting of the ways. Mulvey is doing for good and all. It is said he is going to tell the public about it when he says farewell tonight to the chamber which has known so many broils and sensations during his official life in the council body. If he will but make a clean breast of what he actually does know and tear the mask from the faces of the "American" party managers, he will render a service to the community for which it will be exceedingly grateful.

Small wonder that Mr. Mulvey should have become disgusted. The public has been nauseated for many a day at just such practices as that which now compels his retirement. It is a notorious fact that the saloons of this city were assessed \$100 each for the "American" party campaign fund last fall. There are 110 of them in Salt Lake. That means \$11,000 from the dram shops alone. The cigar stores were also called upon to provide their part of the funds, and they had to do so. Gambling and sporting house proprietors were forced to do likewise. Now the White House bar, which refused to contribute, according to a statement by Mr. Mulvey, is denied a renewal of its license. The ground for not granting this privilege is that the house in question sold liquor on the Sabbath day. Scores of saloons which did give money to the "American" party campaign and which have notoriously and persistently remained open go about their business on Sundays just as on other days. Mr. Mulvey is one of the men who does not believe that the head of the police department is honest in his refusal and sudden and spasmodic exhibition of regard for the Sabbath day. There are others who held the same view. By all means, speak out in meeting tonight, Mr. Mulvey! The public will enjoy and appreciate what you have to say.

## TIME FOR A CLEAN UP.

Spring has not actually arrived even if the weather is mild. But it is time for a city clean-up nevertheless; and that in more ways than one. The overhauling should include the removal of two or three public officials as well as a carting away of garbage. This is notably true in the street and health departments where incompetency, not to say extravagance has run rampant, with the result that the public thoroughfares are not only impassable over vast stretches but unsightly and odiferous as well. Untraveled crossings and deep-in-the-mud roads are the conditions with which drivers of vehicles and pedestrians have to combat. No section of the city is exempt. It is the same in every direction, outside of the paved district, which has been improved somewhat since the "News" criticism of the deplorable state of affairs that existed. It will be recalled how the Knockers' organ denied that the charges were true, and then somersaulted and supported the position of this paper against its own judgment on account of overwhelming proof being furnished from a source it could not resist. But there should be no element of controversy, political or otherwise in the present situation. What is needed is action—immediate action by the mayor and the city council. The streets should be improved. The refuse of back yards put into cans and boxes and carried to

sidewalk curbs weeks ago, should be hauled away without delay. Hundreds of these unsightly receptacles have been standing in front of residences, both humble and handsome, for the best part of a month in some parts of the city, perhaps more than that in others. It is a neglect that is little short of criminal carelessness and the time to apply the remedy is now. Will not some member of the city council arise to the occasion in the meeting of the municipal fathers tonight and demand a reform, a genuine reform that will sweep out the incompetents and bring into their places men in whom the public can have some confidence? Men who will do their work well regardless of politics, for this is not a political or partisan plaint, but a plea, a demand if you please, for general betterment and that without delay.

To be continued in our next year—prosperity.

The day of wrecks if not of reckoning has arrived.

Turn over a new leaf tomorrow and paste it down.

What is wanted just now is a "safe and sane winter."

Some of the saloons were closed yesterday—for repairs only.

James Bryce will be persona grata-sima at Washington.

What a chorus girl star Lady Susan Townly would have made!

Blessed are the poor. They don't have to pay call money rates.

A New York scientist says that "man is made of soap." That's a concentrated lie.

Of his trial Mayor Schmitt is of opinion if it were Dunne it were well if it were done quickly.

It is predicted that the cost of building will be higher next year. So also will be building.

Of course at its next meeting the City Council will adopt resolutions. May they be such as become a New Year.

It is stated at the White House that the President will not visit the Philippines. His disappointment is their loss.

Those who make a dash for the north pole in a balloon are very liable to have their hopes and themselves dashed to the ground.

Mr. Harriman finds it far more difficult to check the Colorado than to check all the baggage that goes over his roads.

Mrs. Sage has distributed fifteen hundred calendars among the sailors of the navy. This looks like dissipating her late husband's fortune.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish says if a woman is careful she can dress on \$5.00 a year. Wives of laboringmen should heed this and be careful.

It is just as necessary for those who live in the arid region to put something by for "a rainy day" as for those who live where it rains most of the time.

Predictor Spangler of Pennsylvania, says all the evils of the world will be dried up in two years. This will be good news to those who are trying to keep the Colorado out of the Salton sea.

Secretary Taft says that his ambitions are not political and that he is seeking no presidential nomination. He very sensibly remarks that he will not be so foolish as to say he would decline it if it were tendered him. Only the foolish say such things, the foolish to whom a nomination would never be tendered.

## SEGREGATION OF JAPANESE.

George Harvey in The North American Review.

The real question is whether the action of the school board of San Francisco constitutes an actual violation of the treaty. That Japan no constraints it does not, of course, make it so. Indeed, considering (1) that, as a matter of fact, there is no "exclusion" whatever, but only a segregation of schools; (2) that the Japanese children quite in line with other ordinary regulations within the recognized jurisdiction of local authorities, and (3) that there is no explicit obligation to afford any means of education whatsoever; and (4) that, practically, we do furnish adequate and equal facilities, and (5) that no treaty ever did or ever was supposed to enforce personal contact and association with others upon the citizens of any nation of their children, and (6) that even if there be a technical abridgment, it is not of liberty or rights, but only of "privileges"—a word of very general meaning, never interpreted as absolutely all-embracing of nothing more than such personal contact and association, in view, we say, of these acknowledged and pertinent facts, it seems to us that a very good case could be made for a counter-declaration that the school regulation does not constitute a violation worthy of objection by a really high contracting party.

## THE EARTH'S ARMOR.

Detroit News-Tribune.

Our earth is like a gigantic battleship sailing under a heavy cannonade. Like a battleship, it is bullet-proof, for it wears an armor of plate as thick as that armor plate is our atmosphere, and without it we should suffer so frequently from bombardment by meteorites that we should live in constant fear and trembling. An atmosphere of only a few miles in depth would be scarcely a section at all. When a meteorite enters our atmosphere, the friction produced by its terrific speed makes it burn so rapidly that in a few seconds it is reduced to powder. Only if the meteorite is an exceptionally large one does any portion of it survive as a heavy mass until it reaches earth, and even then it generally buries itself so deeply in the ground that it is only very rarely that a specimen is found. When you see a meteorite shoot a very short distance, it has been either very small, and therefore quickly consumed, or it shot only a tiny way under the curved surface of the atmosphere, and passed into useless space again where of course it would cease to burn and would become invisible. Only a very large meteorite can approach within 20 miles of earth before it bursts with the explosion due to heat and by the resistance of the air.

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