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NATURE OF THE OPPOSITION.

The anti-"Mormon" prints pretend to believe that the "News" and the large portion of the people this paper represents, are opposed to progress and improvements. The papers referred to are howling themselves hoarse these hot summer days, in a frenzied effort to make their dupes believe that falsehood.

The facts record a different story. The people of Utah, whom the spokesmen for the plunderer refer to as opposed to improvements, are, as all the world knows, the most successful creators of prosperity of modern history. The history of the Latter-day Saints is the history of the reclamation of the desert and the transformation of waste places into gardens. It is the history of the foundation and development of villages and cities, of the construction of railroads and telegraph lines, the building of homes, churches, schools, and temples. They are more renowned for their success in improvements.

The Deseret News has always loyally supported the policy of improvement. It has even advocated the policy of borrowing money, when needed, for improvements. The "News" advocated the last bond issue of a million dollars, when the Tribune practically opposed it and made it necessary for the Council to send special representatives back east to counteract that opposition. The "News" has always been on the side of progress.

The Church authorities today are spending \$12,000 on the paving of Main street between North Temple and South Temple streets, and they are doing this as a voluntary tribute to the general work of improvement, since none could compel that expenditure.

When, in the face of these facts the anti-"Mormon" prints represent Church members as opposed to progress and improvements, they simply brand themselves as prevaricators and falsifiers of the most contemptible type.

Let it be expressly stated and clearly understood that we are not opposed to any necessary improvement the City can afford. But we refuse to trust men who have succeeded in obtaining control over the City's affairs by the creation of religious strife instead of by fair, truly American methods. Those dictators and we do not refer to the council—do not deserve to be trusted. The manner in which the last loan was spent is against it. That money was squandered, and to this day, the unsophisticated gentleman who acts as auditor has not been permitted to publish a true financial statement as required by law. Do they deserve to be trusted?

Councilman Fernstrom, in the council meeting on Monday, speaking of the request for signatures to a document pledging the council to an honest expenditure of the proposed loan, pointed out that the so-called American majority had broken their pledges to the Mayor, and then said:

"Here is a document passed around for signatures of the members of the city council pledging the words of the members not to use the proposed loan for other purposes than those for which it is voted. Of what possible value is such a pledge to such men? What good is a pledge from men who can keep their pledged faith with the Mayor, who is the head of their administration?"

That states the reason why the conservative element of this City refuses to trust the proceeds of another bond issue to the present administration. The citizens would, no doubt, vote the necessary money if the councilmen represented the people. Opposition to graft is not opposition to improvement.

WISE PRECAUTIONS.

The regents of the University have decided to establish a closer inspection for the purpose of discovering and excluding from the institution any persons afflicted with pulmonary tuberculosis. This is a step that might be taken by other institutions of learning.

Residence in this dry atmosphere of the western plateau "cures" hay fever, bronchitis and asthma," reads a statement in the new State geography adopted for use in the common schools. As originally written the following sentence was added: "And is very beneficial to consumptive patients." But the last statement was stricken out, because it was believed that too wide a publication of it might finally result in attracting to this region many consumptives, whose presence would then become a menace to the health of other people.

A committee appointed by the Regents to consider regulations relating to the prevention of pulmonary tuberculosis made a report this week. The action of the Regents was taken last Wednesday.

The committee was composed of Ross Anderson, M. D.; R. W. Fisher, M. D.; T. B. Beatty, M. D.; B. T. Richards, M. D.; J. Sundvall, Ph. D. (absent), and Charles G. Pummer, M. D., chairman.

The report of the committee states that pulmonary tuberculosis is a contagious and an infectious disease, spread by means of the secretions given off from the respiratory passages of persons affected; that the disease has been known to exist among the teach-

ers and students of the university; that the presence of persons so affected is a constant menace to the health of those with whom they come in contact; and further, that their own welfare is endangered by confinement indoors. It is added that the disease can be prevented by the exclusion of infected persons.

The specific recommendations of the medical committee were as follows:

"That the Board of Regents of the University of Utah reserve the right to have examined, by a committee of three of the physicians of the Medical Department of the University of Utah, any teacher, student or employee believed to be suffering with pulmonary tuberculosis; and that the teacher, student or employee so affected be allowed the choice of an outside physician to be present and take part in the examination.

"Should the examination disclose the presence of pulmonary tuberculosis, the Board of Regents will exclude from the University and from any and all of its branches, the teacher, student or employee so infected."

In adopting this resolution, the Board has acted wisely. While consumptive patients may freely enjoy the benefits of the healing atmosphere of the West, they should not be associated in close rooms with throngs of other people, as is necessarily the case if they attend the schools, either as students or teachers.

THE TALE OF A LETTER.

A morning paper on Thursday contained a story to the effect that a councilman had "stolen" a letter from the Mayor to the council, appointing Mr. Devine chief of the Fire department. In order to give the "American" party official accused of stealing, an opportunity of defending himself, the "News" promptly, through a reporter, offered him whatever space he would want for a denial, or explanation. If "American" party officials, who are asking for public money to spend, are not above tampering with an official document, the public ought to know it.

But the gentleman did not deny the ugly charge, though in explaining the transaction he used a less ugly term. He "took" the letter. He did not "steal" it. And he did not take it on his own initiative. The "American" majority, he said, in caucus voted that the letter in question was not to come before the council. "The American" caucus decided this, and it was put up to me to get the letter," the gentleman is quoted to have said. After this explanation "it is to be hoped that the public will look upon the little incident in its proper light," as Ally Sloper observed when taken in for vagrancy.

The manner in which the gentleman performed the delicate mission entrusted to him was told by himself as follows:

"I went to Sandy Fowler for it. He said he had to deliver it to Recorder Moreton, pursuant to the instructions of the Mayor before he left. I went to Recorder Moreton. He said that he had not seen it, but if Sandy had left it on his desk it was no doubt there. He and Sandy both knew my intention to take it, and saw me do it, but both wished formally to be excused from the responsibility of its getting out of the regular channel. The action was one of friendly concern for the Mayor."

The diplomacy displayed is no less admirable than "the friendly concern" for the Mayor.

But the incident should cause some serious reflection. The Mayor of the City of Salt Lake sends an official communication to the council. According to the explanation offered, an "American" caucus decides that that communication must not come before the council and delegates one of the councilmen to abstract it from the Recorder's desk. And yet, if anyone dares to question the honesty and integrity of the power that dominates the majority, he is denounced as an outcast!

If the Mayor wants his letters to reach the council, he will have to take the precaution of sending them through the mails. According to the statutes, "any person who shall take any letter, postal card, or packet . . . which has been in any postoffice or branch postoffice, or in the custody of any letter or mail carrier, before it has been delivered to the person to whom it was directed, with a design to obstruct the correspondence . . . shall, for every such offense, be punishable by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment at hard labor for not more than one year, or by both." If the Mayor wants his official communications to reach the council, he must, it appears, ask Uncle Sam to deliver them.

There is something in the statutes about the offense of carrying away any record, or any paper, or document, or record filed or deposited in any public office, and the story of this letter might properly be the subject of an inquiry by the City council.

POLITICIAN REBUKED.

A story is being told about the well-deserved rebuke the late ex-President Cleveland administered to a politician, who had wilfully deceived him by recommending for an important office an unworthy candidate. Mr. Cleveland made the appointment, and when the unworthiness of the man became evident, the prominent politician openly boasted that he knew that the man was not qualified for the position, but that he urged it, nevertheless, for his own sinister purpose. Mr. Cleveland heard of this, and promptly addressed the following communication to the offending party:

"Dear Sir: I have read your letter with amazement and indignation. There is one, but one, mitigation to the poverty which your letter discloses, and that is found in the fact you confess your share in it. I don't know whether you are a Democrat or not, but if you are, the crime which you confess is the more unpardonable. The idea that this administration, pledged to give the people better offices and engaged in a hand-to-hand fight with the bad elements of both parties, should be betrayed by those who ought to be worthy of implicit trust, is atrocious, and such treason to the people and to the party ought to be punished by imprisonment.

"Your confession comes too late to be of immediate use to the public service, and I can only say that, while this is not the first time I have been deceived and misled by lying and treacherous representations, you are the first one that has so frankly owned his grievous fault. If any comfort is to be extracted from this assurance, you are to act as a 'bumper.'"

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

Men who are by the people entrusted

ed with power of filling vacant offices are apt to be misled by "lying and treacherous representations" by the creatures who swarm around them and claim the right to dictate their policy. That is, we presume, the experience of all, from the President down to the mayor of the smallest city. The rebuke administered by Grover Cleveland was well deserved.

Stump speakers are immune from terrors.

Sufficient unto the day is the heat thereof.

To vote for bonds is to vote for burdens.

Increased freight rates, decreased business.

Never trust a man with public money that you would not trust with private money.

Those who have "affinities" usually have soft heads.

Beware of the soft soder of the Pseudo-Americans.

The conventions are the initiative, but the people are the referendum.

When it comes to steam rollers in politics, what's the matter with P. J. M.?

Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson is a good alarmist but he alarms too much.

Plant the root of evil anywhere and it will grow luxuriantly without any cultivation.

Japan is preparing to build two monster battleships. Now listen for the howl of the jingo.

If Mr. Bryan and Colonel Guffey were neighbors they might love each other more than they do.

Following precedent, as soon as they have got their hay cut and dried the farmers may hold a convention.

"What becomes of the brunettes when they die?" asks an exchange. When brunettes dye they become blondes.

The platform of the Prohibition party has one great advantage over those of all the other parties. It is brief.

"I am having twice as many operations for appendicitis this year as last," says a Chicago doctor. How many veriform appendices has that doctor?

One of the greatest throes of excitement at the Olympic games was the discussion throw. How fortunate that Sheridan was not twenty miles away.

Ida Tarbell can hardly wait for the appearance of John D. Rockefeller's autobiography. When it does appear she may be counted upon to pounce upon it like a cat on a mouse.

When the various presidential candidates make their speeches of acceptance it might be well for them to remember that speech is silver while silence is golden.

"Talk the bonds to your friends," says the organ of the Pseudo-American party. And when you talk the bonds to your friends show them the folly of voting bonds the proceeds of which would be expended by the Pseudo-American administration.

A pleasing incident of which all Americans may be proud, was the presentation to the assembled citizens of Indianapolis of Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate John W. Kern by Vice President Fairbanks. His speech was gracious and the response happy. It was one of the amenities of politics of which there are too few.

THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Army and Navy Life.

There is one point in the organization of the German empire that is often the subject of discussion. That it is composed of a number of independent states, each with its separate, and to some extent, independent ruler, who has his own court and his own ministers.

The people of the United States naturally look upon this union of states as somewhat similar to their own, whereas it is in reality quite different. Recently, the French ambassador in Berlin, M. Jules Cambon, has expressed the desire to be accredited to the other German courts, as well as to the imperial court, on the ground that the British, American, and Russian ambassadors have been so accredited for a long time. This is quite a new departure, and has not been proposed by any of M. Cambon's predecessors. What the outcome will be remains to be seen. The imperial government is strong, and is growing constantly stronger. It guards its prerogatives with jealous care, and while the separate states still retain considerable independence, anything which tends to foster that independence is naturally discouraged.

CASTRO DOESN'T CARE.

Bridgeport Standard.

Castro does not care if he has been left alone by the nation. He gets his three or more meals a day and all the fun out of the situation that he sees fit to stir up. He is debarred from nothing, about which he cares much, and just now the plague commands considerable attention. As for any injury from the non-intercourse with nations, he has the whole commercial interests of Venezuela between him and harm, to act as a "bumper." Let the interests sweat—for aught that he cares.

SAFEGUARDING THE HOME.

Baltimore American.

Uniform divorce laws are needed in this country, and the movement for their consummation is one of those movements which, it must be said in commendation of the people of the land, will not down. Uniform divorce laws with remedy much of the evil which must be attributed to the present often lax regulations governing any divorce from the matrimonial bonds. But in addition to uniform divorce laws, uniform marriage laws should be enacted also. It is just as well to begin at the beginning when trying to eliminate any evil.

ON FRONTIERS OF CONQUEST.

Wall Street Journal.

What would Caesar's legion have thought if 2,000 years ago, when they camped on the shores of Lake Canastota, they had seen a spectacle like that of Count Zeppelin's airship hovering

ing for half a day over the frontiers of the Roman empire? Yet these navigators of the air are frontiersmen of the most daring type, who are pushing out the boundaries of achievement of machinery in its mastery of nature. With the great levitation ships ploughing the ocean, with tunneling of the earth to overcome limitations of distance, and with the perfection of mechanical means by which man may gain for himself firm footing and sure flight through the atmosphere, is it any wonder that dreamers look forward to the time when a trunk line of airships may be established between this mundane planet of ours and the moon?

JUST FOR FUN.

Shopping by Phone.

"Send me up two bags of oats and a bale of hay."
Voice—All right, sir. Who is it for?
"The horse, of course, you idiot!"—London Globe.

The Motorist's Aid.

"No, sir," said the motorist, "the airship is utterly impractical."
"Do you speak as a scientist?"
"No, sir," said the motorist, "I speak as a man of an experience. Suppose your engine breaks or your gasoline gives out and leaves you stuck away up yonder in a cloud bank, how are you going to get a team or horses to pull you out?"—Washington Star.

Tess—Yes, she said her husband married her for her beauty. What do you think about that?
Jess—Well, I think her husband must feel like a widower now.—Philadelphia Press.

"My dear, I have something awful to tell you. That Mr. Parker, with whom you are carrying on such a mad affair, is a married man."
"Nothing of the kind. His wife has gone to the country for the summer."—Cleveland Leader.

"A monarchy," said the long-faced man, "is the best form of government for an agricultural country."
"Why a monarchy?" asked his companion.
"Because the people understand the necessity of reaping for the country."—Baltimore American.

Jane's Mother—Jane can't make up her mind which to marry. Mr. Byng or Mr. Bang.
Jane's Father—Tell her to pick Bang. He seems to have the smaller appetite.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Pearl—Yes, our college has a female basketball team.
Ruby—Did you have any good catches?

Pearl—I should say so. Five of them caught husbands the first season and broke up the team.—Chicago News.

"Now what shall we name the baby?" inquired the professor's wife.
"Why, this species has been named," answered the professor, in astonishment. "This is a primate mammal, homo sapiens?"—St. Louis Republic.

"How far have you proceeded in your discussion of domestic problems?" asked the reporter of the president of the woman's club.
"I think," she replied, "we have about gone through the trousers' pocket matter."—Philadelphia Press.

After more than a year in prison the San Francisco grafter was released on \$1,500,000 bail.
"What a beautiful city!" he exclaimed as he emerged from the prison door. Then he grew pensive.
"And to think that I didn't steal it all when I had a chance," he murmured.—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Er. Flirty, whom you admire so much, is a college man. He is a Bachelor of Arts."
"I should say he was. Can flirty with six girls and have 'em all on the string at the same time?"—Baltimore American.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Current literature for July contains a careful analysis of the Chicago convention and an article on "The Ingratulating Personality of W. H. Taft." The "Irrepressible Weakness" of Prince zu Eulenburg, the Kaiser's fallen favorite, is treated in a remarkable psychological study. Debs, the Socialist candidate for the presidency, is the subject of a study brimming over with new and suggestive remarks. Another contribution of the kind for which current literature is unique is a personal article on the charming Prime Minister of the Dominion of Canada. The music and drama department is represented by an article on "The Changing Stride of Music," and by "The Growing Garriolousness of Bernard Shaw," an amusing and acute arraignment of the latest phase of the Irish dramatist's curious development. An article on "The Rehabilitation of Terpsichore," with beautiful and rare illustrations, throws new light on the revival of the art of dancing. Under the heading, "Science and Discovery," are printed vivid, instructive and popular articles on "The Transmission of Life from one Planet to Another," "The Unity of Disease as the Basis of Universal Cure," "The Special Psychology of Woman," and "The Nature of the Transformation that Made the Ape Human." The "Literature and Art" and "Religion and Ethics" departments are saturated with the spirit of the open air, as is befitting in a summer number. Among the articles treated under these heads are "A Gospel for Out-of-Doors," based on Bliss Carman's new book, "The Making of Personality," "The Religion of John Burroughs," and "William Homer, A Great Painter of the Century."—41-43 West, Twenty-fifth street, New York.

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