

hence it speaks for itself—for the country—not for them; in a word it has drawn so near to the point of actual independence that the line between them is thin and faint indeed. In the case of the *DESERET NEWS* the line does not exist at all; in politics this paper is absolutely and entirely independent at all times and under all circumstances.

As to the personal preferences of those who conduct the paper, that may be and probably is a different matter. That is something with which it as a business institution has nothing to do. The presumption is that the men who are employed in the editorial or reporter department of a newspaper entertain political principles not greatly at variance with its own, but this is not always the case; in fact we have known it to be radically otherwise, not only here but elsewhere. No interference is made with any one's political views or preferences in the office or out of it, the only requirement as to that being that no one take or assume to take it upon himself to commit the paper even by implication to the support of any party or faction as such.

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT.

The *News* was the first to give warning to the people regarding the greatly increased dangers flowing into their midst with the crowds now arriving; the second warning was given last night and was considerably more practical as well as expensive. One or more of the infamous gang which the police have determined to "run down," "smoke out," or some such thing, quietly entered the residence of Mr. N. W. Clayton, in the Eighteenth ward and took a valuable diamond pin belonging to him and a gold watch belonging to a guest, escaping then as quietly as he or they had come and without molestation. This is one of the most thickly settled districts of the city. The value of the booty was probably \$2000, but it is only a bagatelle compared with what the gang expect to get and will get unless greater precautions are adopted than have been so far.

Let our citizens understand that the den of thieves with which the city is infested and has been for a long time, has been greatly augmented and now constitutes a good-sized crowd of itself. They cannot as a rule be picked out; they are too smart to betray themselves by making an unusual appearance or acting differently to other people; and the only sign you are likely to have of their presence is that which was imparted to Mr. Clayton. You are not likely to know that they have been near you until you discover that something is missing.

We repeat the warning. Secure as thoroughly as possible every door and window, or other opening on the premises; see that your movable valuables are under lock and key; wherever practicable let some member of the family be up and on the alert; and when going out alone at night it is as well to be armed and prepared for a sudden attack. Pay no attention to those who want you to step into a back room or other secluded place, and we trust it is unnecessary in

most cases to say, take no interest and no part in any game or device in which the element of chance figures.

The police will doubtless do the best they can. The efforts of the chief to overhaul and apprehend the thugs and thieves are commendable; but experience has shown that our constabulary are no match in resources, cunning and persistency for the villains who make villainy their business if not their pastime. It is a case in which every one must, to some extent at least, look out for himself; even then the gang will be too smart for the intended victim in some instances, but let their successful work be reduced to the lowest possible point.

### THE MILL MUST BE REBUILT.

The *Tribune* seconds the motion of the *News* to raise a bonus for the paper mill, and now that the matter is in shape for presentation we will put it before the people for their action. All who are in favor of the proposition will please manifest it by stepping this way and passing in whatever they think proper.

It should be remembered that the matter of assisting in the restoration of the important industry named was not and is not the suggestion or work of the proprietors. They have lost nearly everything, and through their loss the public are also losers. A good many men are idle that will not be likely to find employment until the mill is again running, and it cannot be rebuilt and rehabilitated until means to that end are raised from some source. The *News* has no more interest in the enterprise than has any other business concern in the community, its connection with the mill of late having been that of a customer only. Yet we realize the fact that to some extent it was a public institution, that its loss is a great blow to the people generally and that its restoration would be a good thing for everybody in a general way. Let us aid the scheme substantially and have the mill rebuilt without unnecessary delay.

### THE WOMAN'S CONGRESS.

The World's Congress of Representative Women, an adjunct of the World's Fair, has been provided for in excellent style. Near the center of Chicago, and conveniently close to the principal hotels, the structure has been erected and is to remain one of the permanent art memorials of the city. The building comprises two large halls, each with a seating capacity of twenty-five hundred, and twenty smaller halls, seating from two hundred to seven hundred each, which together furnish perfect appointments for the conduct of the various congresses and conferences to be convened between May 15th and November 1st.

The *News* has already given the names of several illustrious women who are to participate in the proceedings of this congress. They represent nearly all parts of the civilized world and embrace most of the names with which Americans are familiar. The list is too long for publication, but in

it we note such names as Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Frances E. Willard, Annie Jenness Miller and Lillie Deveraux Blake. Utah has a capable representative in the person of Emmeline B. Wells.

### DENVER WORKED UP.

Denver is in the throes of a municipal contest and as is usual with such occasions there, excitement runs high and the feeling waxed warm. The *Rocky Mountain News*, naturally the champion of the Democratic side, has been more than usually active and zealous against what it terms the "gang," and if success does not crown the efforts of its party it will not be for the lack of vigilance unceasingly applied. In a recent number that paper claimed that City Clerk Roy was engaged in a scheme to steal the election if it did not go to suit him, the paper saying, "The gang must win at the hazard of spending time in the penitentiary." There is nothing devious or uncertain in the methods of the *News*, as witness the following introduction to an article of the kind spoken of:

This article is a direct and specific charge against City Clerk Joseph J. Vick Roy and the gang members who are behind him.

There are locked up in the private safe of General Superintendent Deuel of the Union Pacific railway, this morning, seventy-two sets of forged keys to the ballot boxes which were being secretly made on the order of Mr. Vick Roy in the Union Pacific shops at Fort Leavenworth. They were to have been delivered to Vick Roy at 8 o'clock last night, and it was only by the merest accident that the plot was discovered at the last moment.

It then goes on to show how the plot was discovered and what was aimed at; with the ballot boxes and duplicate keys in possession of the clerk, he could arrange the returns to suit himself and the "gang." Denver is quite a lively place!

### CHICAGO'S SQUABBLE.

Chicago today engaged in a free-for-all scramble for city officers, the principal feature of which was the race being made by the two principal candidates for mayor—Carter H. Harrison, Democrat, and Samuel W. Allerton, citizen. De Witt C. Cregier, who was defeated two years ago through Harrison running against him and thus dividing the Democratic vote, is probably endeavoring to "play even" this time by running against Harrison, but the race was considered to be substantially between the two first named.

A Chicago paper says both sides are supported by reputable, representative business men, and both have followings of thugs and thieves and gamblers. "It is absurd to claim that moral lines are drawn in this campaign. The only plank in Allerton's platform is, 'Win at all hazards,' and Harrison's motto is, 'The end justifies the means.' Don't be surprised, therefore, if you find a jailbird working side by side with a Sabbatarian crank for the election of the same man. This is but a characteristic of Chicago's