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LOOK OUT FOR FRAUD

It is reported that a number of illegal registrations have been effected. This might have been anticipated, in view of the desperate attempts to carry this county by means of falsehood and fraud, by the traducers of Utah and libellers of prominent citizens. It is an old trick revived for the occasion. It prevailed at one time, when the election machinery was in hands that were turned against the public interest and in favor of the scheme to wrest the city from the majority of its people. Now it is different. There are competent officers of election, and courts that cannot be swayed by the influences that then prevailed, and it will be the fault of the workers in the legitimate political parties if illegal voting is permitted in November, 1906.

The law governing registration is plain and pertinent; there need be no mistake about it and the penalties for illegal registration and voting are severe and should be rigidly enforced in every proven case. The lists should be carefully inspected and action be taken at once, so that the evil may be checked before further mischief is attempted.

No person is entitled to register for the coming election, who is not a citizen of the United States, and has not been a bona fide resident of this State for one year, of the county for four months, and of the precinct sixty days, immediately preceding the day of election. Any one who violates this provision is liable to both fine and imprisonment, and can be prosecuted for illegal registration and also for perjury after taking the registration oath.

Now, transients, don't be fooled into taking a false oath, under any consideration, nor into trying to vote when not legally entitled to do so. And, watchers of the regular political parties, use due diligence to detect fraud and preserve the purity of the ballot box!

REGISTER AND VOTE.

We would remind voters who may not yet have registered for the coming election, that there will be only one more chance besides today, and it should not be neglected. We have more than once published a list of the places of registration, and refer our readers to this for information. It is high time for the citizens who have property in this county and who are interested in good, economic government, to wake up to the fact that they must perform their duties as citizens, at the polls, and put men in control whom they can trust because of their integrity and honesty. It may be difficult at times to know who is worthy of public trust and who is not, but it is a safe, negative rule never to support any one who is endorsed by the brigands of a community, no matter what certificates of honesty he may be able to produce. We are justified in judging a man by the company in which he feels at home.

Salt Lake is now in danger of losing its once well deserved reputation for being an orderly, peaceful community. The inevitable concomitants of protected gambling houses and brothels, Sunday saloons and Sunday vaudeville in defiance of the law, and more than all, the vicious attacks upon the community, that are being made with a view to loot and graft, are seen in the increase of all kinds of crime. Criminal characters naturally flock to places where partisan strife rages, like buzzards to a battlefield. They have been attracted to this city by the prospects of being protected in their exploits. Where peace and harmony prevail, and the citizens are working for the welfare of the community, even if they differ in their views and follow different party banners, public morals will necessarily be of a higher order than where partisan warfare is carried on for the sake of plunder. War is generally demoralizing. Even wars for just principles are anything but morally elevating. Witness the thirty years' war for the preservation of the Reformation in Germany. It transformed, as it were, a great many soldiers of both Protestants and Catholics into wolves and hyenas, and left a peculiar impress upon the generations that followed. But when wars are waged merely for the sake of brigandage, they are necessarily demoralizing. And this is emphatically true of political conflicts that are carried on for the purpose of looting the public treasury, or "capturing" offices.

The rule of thugs here is, of course, only temporary. When they carry their nefarious work too far, the citizens will have their eyes opened and take the matter in their own hands, as they did here some years ago when conditions, morally and otherwise, were somewhat similar to what they are now. Then it became necessary for citizens of all creeds and parties to come together in mass meetings and protest against the rascality that was being practiced in the open daylight by persons in positions of trust and the rabble that constituted their intimate following. But the mischief was done, and the experience was really too expensive to the city. The mistakes of the past should not be repeated.

LOOKING FORWARD.

James G. Hill some time ago, in a public address, made the prediction that fifty years hence the population of the United States will be 200,000,000. This may not come true to the letter. Lincoln's prediction as to the natural increase of our population fell short several millions. In his second annual message to Congress delivered in 1862, he reviewed the census reports for the 70 previous years and estimated the increase for the following 70 years. According to his figures the United States ought to have had over 103,000,000 people in 1930, whereas the census figures showed only 76,393,357. Mr. Hill's prophecy may not come any nearer the mark, though it seems conservative enough. But such matters are often subject to conditions which even the wisest of men fail to foresee.

The increase, however, is going to be rapid enough to create various problems. The question of food and occupation would cause no difficulty, if young men generally would follow the advice of Mr. Hill and take up land, instead of crowding around offices and stores, and hunting for easy jobs. There are still vast areas of uncultivated land that can be made productive, and the soil that is cultivated can probably be made to yield much more than it does, by improved methods. There is room enough for two hundred million inhabitants in this country and then for as many more, and there will be enough to do for all who are willing and capable of working.

But the real problem, as the multitudes keep on increasing, will be the proper distribution of the fruits of labor. The problem of producing wealth has been solved in this country, under free laws and popular government, and the Old World has learnt the lesson from our wealth producers. The next question is about the proper distribution of the wealth produced. As the population grows and organizations concentrate efforts, that question will be predominant. And we hope the world will learn from us how to distribute the products of genius and labor combined, for that lesson is essential to the future peace and happiness of mankind.

The clamor is already heard for the forcible subjection of the strong interests controlled by "bosses," or "trust magnates," or whatever name is given to the leaders among men, to a stronger power—to the government. But would that not result in despotism? That form of government has been tried and found wanting. In co-operation will be found, we believe, the solution of the problem. Under that system the distribution of wealth will be accomplished according to the demands of equity and justice.

TO DEVELOP MESOPOTAMIA.

According to the London Times, the Sultan of Turkey has so far deviated from the established customs of Turkish rulers, as to engage in a business enterprise. He is said to have established a land company for the purpose of developing the ancient land of Mesopotamia, once prominent in Bible history. The company formed under a charter granted by Abdul Hamid will endeavor to reclaim the soil that has grown barren through neglect. Irrigation is to perform the miracle of transformation, as it has done in other parts of the world.

It goes without saying that in Turkey no attention will be paid to the rights of the inhabitants of the region to be redeemed. The landholders will simply be dispossessed. Undoubtedly they will be given work at trust wages, whatever they may be in the interior of western Asia, but they will at the same time, be deprived of what little liberty they have enjoyed. The Sultan expects to reap a rich harvest from this project, as undoubtedly he will. The region to be exploited is one of the most desirable in the Old World. There is no reason why it should not once more be made a veritable granary.

It is not improbable that the Sultan is realizing the fact that his resources must be replenished for future emergencies. The present ruler in Constantinople is no impractical dreamer. He knows that the tendency is toward a conflict between the two forces that rally around the Cross and the Crescent respectively. He has modernized the army and provided it with the best equipment obtainable. He needs a modern navy, and to obtain one he must have money and resources from which to replenish his coffers. By developing the desert places, the country will be strengthened for a military conflict if need be. And this, we fancy, is the ultimate aim of the Sultan.

BAD LOGIC FOR SUFFRAGE.

Mrs. Chapman-Catt has recently drawn a parallel between Oregon and Finland, not favorable to the American state, because of its attitude toward the suffrage question. The lady is quoted as follows:

"The population of Oregon was, in 1900, 412,455 persons, and certainly something less than 200,000 are women and girls, who must now, because of the recent vote, remain disfranchised. The population of Finland in 1902, was 2,816,228 and 1,420,521 women, and girls who will be women, have been given full suffrage, including eligibility to all offices, and that too, with but one dissenting vote in four houses of parliament."

"The woman suffrage campaigns for 1906, have resulted in universal suffrage for nearly one and a half millions of women, and the temporary defeat of suffrage for a possible 200,000 women. In a broad sense, it does not matter where political liberty comes first; it must come to all, the world over, before our work is completed. Finland offers proof that the cause is moving on."

"We are forced, however, to ask ourselves two questions: 1—Do oppression and denial of rights make men more liberal, broad minded and generous in their opinions? Apparently they do, as witness the attitude of Finnish and Russian men toward woman suffrage. 2—Do personal liberty and full political rights make men more narrow, selfish and unjust in their opinions? Apparently they do, as witness the action of the men of Oregon. These are conditions worthy of study."

A good cause should not be defended with bad logic. The woman suffrage cause too often has suffered from the arguments of friends. Mrs. Catt takes for granted that all men who are opposed to universal suffrage are "narrow, selfish, and unjust," while those who favor it are "liberal, broad-minded, and generous." How about the

women who oppose it? Do they, too, take that stand because they are "narrow, selfish, and unjust?" Evidently not. It is possible for both men and women to oppose the cause for which Mrs. Catt pleads, on the alleged ground that politics has become a pursuit in which those engrossed in it very often lose the finer qualities and instincts, and mar their character for life. It is possible that some men prefer not to see their wives, or sisters, or daughters endanger their souls among the pitfalls of political campaigns which are not always conducted according to the laws of honor and chivalry. In all this they may be greatly mistaken. But that does not prove them to be narrow, or selfish and unjust.

We need not say that we believe in woman suffrage. The stand of the "News" on this question is well known. But we do not believe that the problem of suffrage has been so fully and clearly demonstrated as to justify one side in passing condemnatory judgment upon the other. There is still room for calm, logical discussion.

What a campaign Ananias would have made!

The bakers of Paris have struck. They want to raise the "dough."

The many views expressed of Mr. Hearst show that he is much in the public eye.

Among other attractions Havana is offering yellow fever. As yet it has not been very taking.

"A committee of safety and a community of unsafety," very well describes the situation in San Francisco.

Have you learned, not to vote mechanically, but to vote the machine? It is the important political lesson of the day.

Spain is not laughing over the Cuban situation because she is not quite certain whose turn it will be to laugh last.

Those germs in milkmen's whiskers that the Southern California Veterinary association objects to are nothing but hayseeds.

Premier Stolypin has declared that the Octoberists are the government party. Next month it may be the Novemberists.

The President leans more on Secretary Taft than upon any other cabinet officer. It seems to be a case of the lean and the fat kind.

A Missouri judge has decided that fishing on Sunday is no crime. Still the practice is to be condemned rather than commended.

Lieutenant von Bohlen and Halback who married Bertha Krupp, the great German heiress, will have a comfortable berth for life.

General Leonard Wood is opposed to reducing the Philippine army. It would seem to be folly to do so before the Puljanians are reduced.

"Parties all too frequently come to represent little more than a hunt for office on false pretensions," says the Springfield Republican. Too true!

The publication of his father's "Recollections" has undone Prince Alexander von Hohenlohe politically, but it has made him financially. No loss without some small gain.

An accurate account is being kept of the expenses of the American army in Cuba. Some day it will be presented for payment, and will have to be met. Then the Cubans will know the price of their folly.

Vice President Fairbanks' son has made a sensational elopement and married. Fred Fairbanks is a young man of 23 years; Nellie Scott is said to be 26. Why did they elope, both being of age?

The per capita money circulation in September amounted to thirty-three dollars for each person in the United States, the largest on record. Millions of people would never suspect it but for the government report, the distribution is so unequal.

It is said that Premier Campbell-Bannerman has under consideration a plan for the government ownership of British railways. Has he taken a leaf from Mr. Bryan's book on the subject, or is it a mere coincidence?

Richard Corker's libel suit against the London Magazine has been amicably settled out of court. It would seem that he has secured a really great triumph. The case now loses public interest, but in America it probably always will be doubted whether his wealth is not tainted.

Louis A. Gourdan, who protested some time ago because he was not permitted to serve a term in the Joliet penitentiary, has left his apartments at the Auditorium annex, accompanied by his wife and son, and announced that he was leaving Chicago for good. No doubt ex-Senator Burton of Kansas would be glad to exchange places with him.

A BIG BELL.
Albany Knick.

In relation to a discussion on church bells, originated by the installation of the magnificent chiming in St. Joseph's church in this city, it may be interesting to notice that in the western tower of St. James' Roman Catholic Cathedral of Montreal, which is 23 feet high, is hung the great bell, "Le Gros Bourdon," the largest in America. It weighs 24,780 pounds, and was cast in London in the year 1846—sixty years ago. In the eastern tower of the same edifice are ten bells which require eighteen men to ring them.

THE SOUTH'S KINGLY CROP.
Southern Farm Magazine.
More than \$2,000,000,000 is invested in cotton mills in Europe and America dependent upon the South for their raw material. It is estimated that 16,000,000 people in Great Britain alone live on the cotton industry of that country. The balance of trade in favor of the United States depends upon our cotton exports, which now annually reach \$500,000,000, or more than the world's annual gold production. Of this royal crop, imperial in magnitude and in domination of the world's financial and manufacturing in-

terests, the South holds a world monopoly. Its ability to increase cotton production to meet the world's growing needs, and its ability to develop cotton manufacturing commensurate with its monopoly of cotton production, are limited only by its labor supply. Economic forces will of necessity bring about a great increase in population and thus prepare the way for a vast expansion in manufacturing and in production as the price and demand may justify. The South produces 80 per cent of the cotton for the 119,000,000 spindles of the world, but has less than 10,000,000 spindles itself. Think of the limitless possibilities for expansion in this industry alone when you are studying the future of the South.

BALLOTS OF WOMEN.

Boston Herald.
With a few notable exceptions, the interest of women in school matters has been a steadily growing influence for the better, whether or not this argues for any extension of the ballot to women, as is not necessary to consider here, as the present purpose is to note with satisfaction a new instance of the good effect of women's votes against a strong barrier to school interests.

The town of Caldwell, N. J., which is practically a suburb of New York, has steadily refused to increase its school facilities, in spite of a growing population. The men were about evenly divided on the question of a new schoolhouse, but the women rallied in force and secured a special school meeting, at which they voted unitedly on the right side, and now the plot of ground and the new schoolhouse are assured. Trust the mothers to look after the education of their children!

HOW LEAVES FALL.

St. Nicholas.
The manner in which the leaf-fall proceeds in different trees is also noteworthy. The end of the branches lose their leaves first in the ash, beech and hornbeam, when the body of the tree is still clothed with bright foliage. The poplars and willows have an exactly contrary habit, for when the trunk is stripped of foliage, the branch ends are still decorated with a few lone leaves which wave like ragged banners beneath the November sky. It is remarkable how tenaciously these last leaves cling to the tossing boughs. At last they also come hurrying to the frozen ground and the bare trees of the forest give forth once more, under the strong wind driving the stern, sponorous music which will last throughout the winter.

JUST FOR FUN.

Prisoner (on trial for murder, to his counsel)—For heaven's sake don't lose your head at the trial or I shall lose mine, too.—Fliegende Blätter.

Herr Rosenstein (irritably to his cashier)—Don't hide yourself behind your books so; every time I don't see you I get a fright.—Fliegende Blätter.

Father—It is incredible what a lot of money you need.
Son—I don't need any, father, it's the other people who are always wanting some from me!—Megendorfer Blätter.

Druggist (coming home late and finding burglar in his shop)—What do you want?
Burglar (hurriedly, making a hurried exit through the window)—O nothing—nothing—I'm better now.—Megendorfer Blätter.

Carl (at dinner)—Papa!
Papa—What now?
Carl—Bite on your hollow tooth once again—you make such a funny face.—Figaro.

Jovial Student—Did you hear me come home last night, Frau Droschel?
Landlady—I did, indeed, the whole night long.—Fliegende Blätter.

Autumn Manoeuvres—Umpire (to part of skeleton army)—"What do you represent?" Private—"I dunno, sir. I'm carrying this 'ere flag." Umpire—"Well, you ought to know. You represent a company in extended order. Understand?" Private (after deep cogitation)—"And do I draw the beer for a company when I get back to camp?"—Punch.

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