ADDRESS TO SALT LAKERS.

The Good Citizenship League Issues a Circular.

It Will Hold a Meeting on Tuesday, September 18, in This City.

To the Citizens of Salt Lake City.

Within the past year what has been aptly described as the "new municipal spirit" has been waxing unprecedented headway in many of the largest cities of our country. The sober thought of the American people cannot be once more so thoroughly awakened from a period of the spirit of 1776. In the opinion of our committee it is a regrettable fact that bad government has apparently firmly established itself, all mainly for two reasons: In the first place, a lack of interest on the part of the better element in the proceedings at the primaries, the vast majority remaining away while the professional politicians run things to suit themselves, selecting candidates for office whose reputations for honesty and capability in too many instances will not bear close scrutiny; and secondly, the serious lack of respect for our laws and municipal ordinances, of which we have had abundant illustration during the progress of the last administration. When there whose sworn duty it is to administer the laws, without fear or favor, suffer the or that ordinance to become inoperative, it is not to be wondered at that the people who follow at the unanimity consider themselves privileged to ignore whatever laws are unpalatable, in their opinion, to render their useless inconvenience, or for other reasons are peculiarly obnoxious to them. To recognize the right of any individual, company or corporation, to determine what laws they shall obey, and what ignore, is simply to pave the way to Hades—that inferno into Americans with the liberty of the commonly was winrs, which is the keystone of our Constitution—and where it weakened will drive us to the verge of anarchy and moral disruption. Hence, the cry that our laws and ordinances should be enforced by superior officers, aided by the moral support of the community, is one that should not be disregarded.

There has been started recently in our city an organization bearing the name "The Good Citizenship League of Salt Lake City." The records leading to the formation of such a league are as follows:

1st. Lassitude in the enforcement of law.

2nd. Lack of interest shown by citizens in the selection and election of good and upright men to office.

3rd. The existence of evils in our midst which tend to corrupt the morals of the community.

The league is not a third party movement. It does not propose to go outside of existing party lines, believing that all needed reforms can be inaugurated and consummated through existing political channels. It seeks to wrest the control of the primaries from the lawless, disreputable and office-seeking element, and place it in the hands of patriotic, law-abiding citizens, so that whether the city is governed by Republicans or Democrats is not so much a matter of moment as whether the administration of municipal affairs is in the hands of honest, intelligent men. "Patriotism, honesty and capability, the qualifications of the office-holder," is one of the mottoes of the league.

The work undertaken can be described in the language of the city club of New York, which aims to be "permanently, consistently and impartially anti-bad city government," to stage and maintain "a generally constituted public opinion vigilantly opposed to dishonesty and incompetency in municipal government; to rendering contemptible that indifference to civic duty, or immorality of conscience, which permits citizens to overlook maladministration of office, until it becomes so considerable as to make opposition easier than submission."

The work of the league will be performed by a central council and by branch organizations in each of the five precincts of the city. The object of the league is not to dictate to the citizen how he shall vote; simply to educate the voting public along the three lines which we consider are the three great tests of good citizenship.

"The first test is intelligence. Intelligence in politics, now so often the boast of our citizens is delightful and infinitely attractive in a city of this size where the issues of political action are so far-reaching in their influence. Anything otherwise is responsible for political corruption and social degradation." We contend that every citizen is under obligation to take a lively interest in political and social affairs.

"The second test is that good citizenship shall be intelligent citizenship. Ignorance is unpardonable where knowledge is accessible." By the public press we will reach every one in this community. Information is the basis of all effort to overthrow evils. Nothing is so unanswerable as facts. Careful investigation of methods now used in our city of enforcing the law will be made and facts published. There is not a citizen of our time that would not leap to pronounce and execute if the people were in possession of the facts concerning it. Those facts will be placed before the public, and when the time to vote comes, he (citizen) will be in possession of that information which will enable them to vote right. We cannot keep ourselves too well informed on the evils of intemperance and gambling. The force in relation to these and other evils will be brought before the public as other that the citizen will be unable to say he did not know of their existence. It is time our public was educated in this direction.

"The third test is that there is such a thing as good citizenship, and, public morals, and that it is possible to reach the end and attain the prize." We do not believe that there is any necessary permanency or organized integrity. The gigantic evils of our time now so rampant in our city are preventable.

Such are the objects of the League and such the lines upon which the promoters of the organization hope to reach those objects. In and in accomplishing this desirable result, "The Good Citizenship League" invites the hearty cooperation of the loyal American citizens of Salt Lake City.

The annual meeting will be held on September 18th, at which time a Central Council will be elected, and it is desired that big be chosen by a large vote of those who by honorable mention of the organization, express in the manner their desire to see that Lake City takes place as the moral and industrial center of the Rocky Mountain region.

THE GOOD CITIZENSHIP LEAGUE.

The Ontario Drain Tunnel.

Editor Evening News:

In company with Mr. Warren Smith (one of the employes) I had the pleasure of a ride through the Ontario tunnel a distance of nearly three miles. Before starting we changed our coats, oils and shoes, and donned a rubber suit. We got on the head car and went through. After going about a mile we could see the light of the mouth. Lots of loaded cars coming out and so we pulled out one of the track to let them pass. We then continued on our way, and at last we got to the end, where we witnessed the work of drilling with the steam drills, the miners at work with the water dripping on them continuously.

The work on the tunnel was begun over six years ago. They have had considerable delay at times through encountering "bad ground," as they term it; the sweating and heavy pressure of the ground has twisted and broken some of the timbering, which had to be repaired. At one time they erect a wall across that sent the rocks flying in every direction and flooded the track with over a foot of water. They were obliged to run a drift or tunnel on each side to run it off before the work could be continued.

During the six years work on the tunnel only one man has been killed. He was crushed by a large rock falling onto him while at work down in the crack (drift) which jammed him around the track. At one time his crushed eyes and slipped down with such force as to carry the timbers along through the tunnel a distance of forty feet but luckily for him he was injured. There is still about 400 feet of tunnelling to be done before the work is completed, which will take about a month, when they expect to tap the shaft of the Ontario mine No. 2, then over to No. 3. This will be a great saving to the company—the heavy expense of pumping the water out of the mines, and, as the foreman said, it will be a lease of life for twenty-five years to miners in the Ontario.

On my way home I stopped off at Morgan where I found they have a creamery and dairy establishment. It is in good running order, and turns out a fine class article of butter and cheese. Mr. O. H. Randall, of Centerville is one of the proprietors and superintends the work. It is called the L. N. The butter is shipped by express every morning to Salt Lake City, where it finds a ready market.

ERNEST S. PEARSON.

The Militia at Tooele.

Concerning militia matters at Tooele and a grand ball given by that branch of the N. G. U. stationed there the *Transcript* says: The evening's enjoyment opened with a drill by ten ladies and an equal number of the best looking militia boys, the latter all being draped in national bunting and wearing soldiers' caps, while the gentlemen were togged out in the regulation militia uniform. To say that the drill was well executed would be drawing it too mild, and to Captain Stevens responsible the credit for the manner in which it was gotten up, but he states that a much better showing could have been made had the hall been larger.

After the drill dancing was indulged in for a couple of hours, the large crowd present footing each other goodnaturedly, when the bayonet drill was introduced, the boys handling their weapons in a very satisfactory manner, considering the length of time they have had for practice, and the difficulty of the maneuvers introduced by the captain. The bayonet drill was repeated (at the request of a number of persons who were too late to witness the first exhibition), after which dancing was again resumed and continued until 2 o'clock, when all dispersed feeling that they had enjoyed themselves to their heart's content. The affair was a huge success in every way, enough money being secured to pay those interested for the efforts, for which worthy purpose three parties have been given.

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