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CHANGES IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

The numerous changes inaugurated with the opening of the new year in the various county offices, suggest some thoughts in regard to the system under which they have been effected.

But is this necessary in mere clerical positions, and in the case of individuals whose work has been in every way satisfactory, and in which they have gained experience that renders them of more than common value to the officers who are responsible and also to the public?

The theory that public service, involving expenditures from the public treasury, is to be offered as pay for help given in the election of party candidates, is in our opinion faulty and vicious.

If the practice that has become common in the public service were to prevail in commercial, banking and business life generally, what raptures and inconveniences and losses would ensue!

The public treasury in city, county or state should not be required to supply funds by way of pay to supply workers for services, sometimes of a questionable character, in securing the election of a personal friend or party candidate.

There is too much personal and party feeling indulged in for the general good. The public welfare is often made subordinate when it ought to be the paramount object.

The course of two of the county commissioners, in taking advantage of power remaining in their hands at the last moments of their official life, to act in spite and personal antipathy, for the removal of appointive officers arbitrarily and without investigation, appears highly reprehensible and paltry.

It is eminently proper, however, that if there has been any failure during the past two years to correctly report all items of expenditure in detail, the wrong should be remedied.

We congratulate the new board of county commissioners in its continuance of the present occupant as chairman of the board.

man of the board. He was perfectly willing to retire. He did not covet the place. He knows its cares and responsibilities and extra labors. His familiarity with all that pertains to it make him especially fitted for the task, and the new commissioners were both wise and courteous in sustaining him in the place.

We hope that all the new county officials and their subordinates will fill their respective positions with credit to themselves, honor to their party and benefit to the public, and that their administration of affairs will shed lustre upon the state, the most important county in which they have been chosen to serve.

SLOW TO ARBITRATE.
The preliminary work, necessary before the Venezuela trouble can be submitted to The Hague tribunal, is rather slow, but in all probability the outcome will be satisfactory.

A correspondent of the London Times doubts very much whether all the British claims are good. He believes that the vessels seized were really engaged in smuggling.

There should be no more delay in arriving at an understanding as to how to proceed amicably. The blockade should be withdrawn from American waters. Their presence is a menace to peace.

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It is rumored that the allies are backing the rebellion against Castro, with the object in view of putting in his place a man with European sympathies. If that is true, the Monroe doctrine is violated as much as if territory had been seized.

FAMINE IN FINLAND.
Press reports are to the effect that Finland is suffering from famine, in addition to the sufferings incident to the deprivation of the country of every vestige of political liberty.

It appears that a notorious embezzler now serving a term in state prison has suddenly become very religious. It is a little late; still it is better late than never.

Chief Justice Daskin! That sounds all right, and we salute the Supreme court of the State with congratulations on the accession of the able lawyer and just judge who succeeds to the "wool-sack."

The Deseret News cordially greets Justice Wm. McCarty on his occupancy of the Supreme bench. His career as District Judge has been honorable and brilliant, and we believe he will add new laurels to his judicial brow in the exalted position which he has reached.

Northwestern university, of Evanston, Illinois, it is said, is first to employ a "university drummer." President James founded the office and appointed a "drummer," who will go among preparatory schools to present the advantages of the institution he represents.

have been greatly disturbed by the influence which was first awakened on English soil. When John C. Heenan and Tom Sayres fought that brutal prize fight in London, in 1869, they sent a thrill of astonishment throughout the whole civilized world.

"An eye-witness, perhaps the only man now in America who saw that fight, has recently given a description of what he saw. Says he: 'I was only a little shaver but I remember it well. My father kept a tavern then and old Jim Mace used to frequent it. On the day of the fight my father was right up in the front row, and I was near enough to see it plainly, and I shall never forget it. Heenan broke his arm in the middle of the fight and would not even then give up. His friends urged him to quit, but he refused, insisting that he could win with one arm. He fought for fourteen rounds with his broken arm behind him, and finally did win. It was a bare knuckle fight and one of the bloodiest on record. Heenan battered Sayres' face until he bled him, so that it was possible for him to win with his one arm.'

"The influence of that beastly contest has come down to us and for more than forty years it has been dragging its venomous trail over the whole land, and probably there is not a state or territory in the whole Union that has not felt its withering touch."

Concerning the results the writer says: "What are the results? Wasted lives scattered over the whole length and breadth of the land! It is the product of a Heenan and a Sayres sending down through history names tarnished with infamy and shame. It is a John L. Sullivan borne in the arms of a strong policeman from a vile saloon in a state of deadly intoxication and locked up behind prison bars. It is a Tom Corbett and Terry McGovern driven from state to state because an aroused public sentiment will not tolerate them in their degrading pursuits. Read it! See the boys on the streets in the home, or in the school-room fondly dreaming of some day bearing the championship of the world."

If there were anything to thaw it would be a January thaw.

Never break with the old year's resolution till on with the new.

Summed up, President Smith's advice is to go slow. And might go advice it is.

The kiss becomes harmless when the lips are first moistened with lemon juice.

Evidently President Castro neglected to put R. S. V. P. on his proposal to the allies.

If enough waves of reform pass over the town they are sure to drown out vice and evil.

The Crown Prince of Saxony also seems to be interested in the question: "Who's Baby Are You?"

Mrs. Roosevelt is said to be full of tact while recent events have shown the President to be full of suggestions.

Senator Hear calls trusts snowballs. Probably because they crush everything that is in their way as they roll along.

The law of compensation requires that when the price of beef is reduced the weight of the pound also be reduced.

Because charity often covers a multitude of sins is no reason for not being charitable.

The Venezuelan situation does not clear quite so fast as could be wished. All is calm now, but often a calm precedes a storm.

The panic at Caracas has been arrested. Now if Castro could only arrest the revolutionists all would be well with him.

Doubtless the reason that the response of Great Britain and Germany to the Castro note does not come swiftly is that large bodies move slowly.

Mr. Roosevelt hangs to his Cuban reciprocity treaty with a tenacity that cannot fail to insure success. And it is a worthy cause, deserving success.

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\$12,000,000, and Germany has an army of nearly half a million. The United States has an army of about 60,000, while the army estimates for 1903 are \$72,000,000. They make soldiers much cheaper in Germany than in America, and probably as good. The United States is very much better adapted to the raising and manufacture of other things than military.

MRS. FREMONT AND HER GRANT.
New York World.
The death of Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, coming so soon after that of Mrs. Grant, completes a series of curious coincidences in the life stories of two famous women. In age but two years separated them. Both were Missourians, though Mrs. Fremont was born in Virginia. Both married army lieutenants who became "military heroes" and Republican presidential nominees. Both spent their declining years mainly in California, with whose history both had been identified.

No human life that has lately ended on this continent has spanned, or at least helped in its connections and the suggestions of a name to span, the space of more and greater events than that of Jessie Benton Fremont, who died at Los Angeles, at the age of seventy-seven. This gifted and remarkable woman was in her own blood, the epitome of a great deal of American history. On her mother's side descended from the McDowells of Virginia—fighters heroically re-punished the members of another and younger branch of the same family—she was the daughter of Senator Thomas H. Benton, an able and forceful statesman during more than thirty years of the formative period of American history.

Missouri mourns the passing away of Mrs. U. S. Grant, widow of the warrior-president, more keenly perhaps than any other state in the Union, for Missouri remembers her as Julia Dent, a Missouri girl. It matters not that Missouri was to all intents and purposes a session state back in the sixties when Ulysses S. Grant made his reputation as a fighter for the Union cause. Time has healed those sectional wounds until Missouri looks reverently and sadly upon the hier of Mrs. Grant. The war and strife has been wiped out and Mrs. Grant had for many years been admired not only because of her individual qualities of womanly worth, but also because she was the wife of one of the greatest heroes the world has ever produced.

DR. TEMPLE.
New York Evening Post.
The death of the Archbishop of Canterbury not only removes a venerable and right English figure, but recalls the extraordinary way in which the ecclesiastical wheel has come full circle during his life time. Forty-two years ago any man would have been thought incredible who should have predicted that Frederick Temple, Headmaster of Rugby, would die a bishop, much less primate of the English church. It would have seemed an impossible thing for him as for his famous predecessor, cradled in the theological grounds, Dr. Arnold. Mr. G. W. E. Russell had this old incredulity in mind when he wrote, at the death of Dr. Temple, an encomium at Canterbury, that the event "made clear to the most casual eye the enormous transformation which sixty years have wrought alike in the inner temper and the outward aspect of the Church of England."

Springfield Republican.
Dr. Temple was a broad churchman, and in his younger days a good deal of a radical. As the head of Rugby he dared to lay the cornerstone of a Wesleyan chapel. His share in a volume called "Essays and Reviews," published in 1860, has been a storm of criticism, and he was even charged with the terrible sin—in those days of Huxley's famous warfare on the bishops—of being an evolutionist. The charge must have raised a laugh in the real circle of the followers of Darwin and Spencer. For Dr. Temple's "infidelity" was of a very mild sort. He was also at that time an assailant of the religious character of the educational system of the country, an attitude which in his later life he squarely reversed.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.
The January number of the Independent Era opens with another installment of Elder B. H. Roberts' reply to Rev. Van der Donck's article on the doctrine of the deity. It is a very interesting discussion. It will be concluded in the February number. Dr. George H. Brimhall contributes a piece of poetry, "Hail to the Prince and Princesses." A Christmas Tale called "The Wasatch," is contributed by Alfred Lambourne. There is an article, "Talks to Young Men," on books, their choice and value. There is also an appendix to the history of the Prophet Joseph, consisting of letters of Don C. Smith to his wife Agnes. This is followed by an elegy on the death of Joseph Smith, senior, by Eliza H. Snow, also "Lines Written on the Death of Gen. Don Carlos Smith" and "The Assassination of Joseph and Hyrum Smith"—all verses by the same author. There is, further, an article entitled "Two Governing Forces," by George A. Langston; also a paper on "Tea, Coffee, Cocoa and Chocolate," by Dr. U. L. Gardner. Under "Some Living Events in the Current Story of the World," Dr. J. M. Tanner discusses "Progress of the Mormon Colonies in Canada," "The Work of the 'Giver of the Month,'" and another, "A New Year's Warning." Both are timely. Then there are "Questions and Answers" notes on "Our Work" and "Events of the Month." From this it may be seen, that the Era commences the new year, fulfilling all the expectations its excellency in the past has won, and the public to look for in every new issue.—Salt Lake City, Utah.

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