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problem is thus in sight. We regard the grand railway scheme as presidential, and we commend the division plan to the consideration of the Commercial club, to the railway magnates and to the public generally, as something scientific practical and profitable, and worthy the support of all progressive and thoughtful citizens.

AN EXPIRING KICK.
The course taken by the outgoing city administration, in filling the office of Chief of Police when it was well known that the incoming Mayor had made his selection of the man to act in that capacity, in association with him as chief executive of the municipality, does not meet with favor by the majority of our citizens.

These remarks bear no word against the gentleman appointed to the office of Chief. He has served the public with credit in other positions. He is well known in the community. While he is in office he should receive the support of all law-abiding people as well as of his subordinates. It is only the manner of his appointment in thrusting him into a place which, by common courtesy and in the interest of the public, should be filled by the administration recently elected and to take charge of municipal affairs in a few days at most, that is objectionable and to be regarded in a shameful light.

A MISUNDERSTOOD PHRASE.
Herbert Spencer originated the popular phrase, "the survival of the fittest." It is one that very often has been employed in the defense of brutality, and crime, and thus put to uses never intended by the great philosopher.

The fraternal meeting of Salt Lake and Ogden business men and leading citizens at the annual banquet of the Commercial Club on Monday evening was very significant. It was not only a very pleasant gathering of influential gentlemen, but a striking sign of progress in our State.

That great and successful engineering feat, commonly known as the "Lulu Cut-off," has made possible a change in the depth of the larger portion of the Great Salt Lake, and this was the theme of Engineer Doremus' speech at Monday night's banquet.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.
In a paper by Mr. George Burnham, Jr., treasurer of the Municipal League, Philadelphia, the author points out that Chambers of Commerce are taking a lively interest in municipal elections, notwithstanding the natural aversion of such bodies to "meddle with politics."

By making the embankment solid, which has been already effected partly by the railroad, the State Engineer and his associates have decided that the cutting off of that northern part of the lake can be accomplished, thus increasing the volume of the other and larger portion.

The value of this project to Utah may not appear at the first view. But the more it is inspected the greater it appears. The loss of the bathing attraction means much to the city, but that is a mere trifle when compared with the loss of humidity, supplied by evaporation from the lake to this whole intermountain region.

We might enlarge greatly on this matter, and we simply wish to place it before the public in brief. Now the question is, what should be done? The answer is given in Col. Holmes' letter. Let the Commercial Club take up the matter and confer with the railroad authorities, and see what measures can be adopted for mutual benefit.

policy as must and should divide the citizens, are quite separate and apart from questions of state and national policy. They have come to see therefore, that the cities must first be freed from the grasp of the piratical machine masquerading as "political" organizations before real questions of policy can come to the front; and that, in any event, it is vital to a city's commercial interests, that its business affairs and administration should be honestly conducted in a business-like way.

THE TRUTH ABOUT IT.
Warden A. S. Meserve of the Wilmington Workhouse, has recently held a lecture in the interest of prison reform. It is notable because of his testimony as to the effect of the brutal form of punishment in vogue in Delaware and advocated elsewhere—the whippingpost. Some persons have asserted that this relic of a time when the people were savs, is restraining criminals. But Mr. Meserve, whose testimony on that point certainly deserves consideration, takes an opposite view.

Chicago Record-Herald.
The book "Facts and Comments" is in truth a defiance of the unimpaired forces of the times. In it he exhibits a settled aversion for the increasing activities of government, for the modern "educational mania," for the boasts of militarism, and for the development of militarism, and he has the hardihood to make this distinction: "Were anyone to call me dishonest, or untruthful, he would touch me to the quick. Were he to say that I am unprincipled, he would leave me unmoved." However, men who are stung by the last sentence will remember that he was honest and truthful, that he fought disease and practiced a patient self-denial with the heroism, that his life was a long and wonderful mental discipline, that he acquired learning beyond any of his contemporaries, that he kept an unblemished character and set a noble example.

Emperor William has recovered his voice. Hoch der Kaiser!

The coal strike seems to be about all settled but the bills.

The oaths taken in Carbon county would naturally be black.

When Panama gets that ten million dollars it will be doubly parvenue.

When the bill is presented the people will know what a real militia charge is.

Perhaps Secretary Root will not be so severe on General Arthur MacArthur now.

Mr. Ziegler may forego the pleasure of visiting the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

If Missouri doesn't get Ziegler at the January hearing she will simply have to eat Crow.

Dowie's wonderful recuperative powers justify entitle him to be called John Alexander the Great.

Professor Langley would be glad to have Santa Claus put an airship that would fly into his stocking.

General Reyes would elect the Colombian presidency, if accepted to it, under a "so sudden" impulse.

Maxine Elliott invariably refuses to be interviewed. It is merely her way of advertising; nothing more.

Those mixed up in the postal frauds think that all those indictments should be sent to the dead letter office.

Russia and Japan need improved postal facilities, their correspondence having grown so rapidly and to such proportions.

Holland and Great Britain want Panama to pay fifteen millions of Columbia's debt. It is quite likely to be a "long felt want."

If the militia is to be used for the suppression of profanity, it can find far more duty to perform right on Main Street than in Carbon county.

Senator Hanna doesn't have to be a presidential candidate if he doesn't want to. This is an inherent right and not a constitutional one.

There is promise of a guerilla war on the Isthmus. Now that will highly please some of the boys who have had much practice in the Philippines.

The attorneys in the Northern Securities case are now trying to make the Supreme Court believe that a merger is not a merger, and that what is, is not.

Will Mr. Rockefeller raise the price of coal oil and make the University of Chicago a Christmas present, or will he lower it and make the American people a present?

If the St. Louis hoodlums are to be let loose from the penitentiary through a decision of the Missouri supreme court, it will be a blow to justice and a calamity to the whole country.

Dr. Schurman of Cornell says that every student should be expected to study eleven hours a day. So long as he says "should" instead of "will" his university will not suffer in popularity.

An eastern railroad will in future require its employes to take lessons in first aid to the injured. It will not be necessary for engineers and firemen to do this as they are usually killed in collisions.

The announcement is made of the marriage of a daughter of Prof. W. E.

Ayrton to Israel Zangwill, the famous Zionist and author. The bride belongs to a Christian family of decided views, while Mr. Zangwill is a Hebrew and one of the most active of the Zionists who are trying to establish a Jewish state in Palestine. Which of the two will convert the other?

HERBERT SPENCER.
Portland Oregonian.

Faraday, Tyndall, Huxley and Spencer in science never enjoyed a university training, but their self-training and self-discipline in order to obtain knowledge and enlarge its domain was better for their purpose than a university course. Men of positive genius and thirst for knowledge no more need a university life to fit themselves for the walks of science than Patrick Henry, or Bright, or Cobden, or Disraeli needed a university training to teach them the art of swaying popular assemblies and guiding the action of states by their eloquence and their political wisdom.

Pueblo Chifftain.
Fortunately for the world Herbert Spencer was one of those men who had a most intense conviction of his own power and of his ability to accomplish the task to which he had devoted himself. He was not a man who had a character his work would never have been done. The thirty-seven years of effort necessary to accomplish his great work were years of toil, of deprivation, of costly scattering of actual poverty. He gave his life to his work, and his work to the world, and in return the world gave him 85 years of life and the consciousness of an immortal work, probably of immortal fame.

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New York Evening Post.
The great system-maker forced badly by the hands of the rashly cut-throats of their little garden-pots, friends of his thought they were. Huxley said that he often caught himself laughing at the head of Spencer. He defined Spencer's "positive work" as in reality nothing but "spinning his own cobwebs;" and when asked what objection he had to Spencer's philosophical system, replied, "No objection except to the whole." Darwin's less vivacious verdict was really more weighty: "Such parts of Herbert Spencer as I have read with care impress my mind with the idea of his inexhaustible wealth of suggestion, but never convince me; and so I find it with some others."

New York Mail and Express.
Herbert Spencer, though his life was absorbed in his philosophy, was nevertheless a keen observer of the life of men and women. No philosopher has ever approached him in so many groups of the world into his nervous hands. He could handle the world because he was neither afraid of it nor covetous of it. He despised its honors and scorned its distinctions.

Boston Herald.
Of political development in this country he said: "Conventions formed of delegates supposed to represent the wills of their respective localities have become bodies which merely register the decisions of certain heads who nominally advise but practically dictate. And so completely has this system submerged individual freedom that now the assertion of such freedom has become a discredit and the independent citizen, here and there, is a wonder of the age. He is a man of private judgment bears the contemptuous name of mugsump."

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