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A WORD OF EXPLANATION.

The following is a sample of numerous letters and inquiries that have come to this office since the beginning of the campaign that is about ended:

"Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 7, 1910.-Editor Deseret News-I have been a subscriber to The Evening News for twenty-five years, and have felt proud of it as the Church organ, for the standard it has taken on all great moral questions, and championing the cause of truth and righteousness. I have admired it for its independent position in politics and for refusing to stoop to the level of its contemporaries, in deception and mud-slinging; but why it should remain comparatively silent on the great moral question now before the people of this State, I cannot understand.

"While it is true that Prohibition has been made one of the leading political issues in the campaign that is now on, it is nevertheless to my mind the greatest moral question that ever confronted humanity in any age, and never in the history of nations has there been a time when liquor was responsible for more crimes, bloodshed and degradation, than the last few years in the United States, the land which we believe to be a 'promised land' and one consecrated as a land of liberty. 'Why should any Christian newspaper, that stands for the uplift of humanity, hesitate to take sides against the rum traffic? 'Why should any Christian, who professes to follow the meek and lowly Master, hesitate to lend all his influence and power to stamp out this damning traffic, that is doing more to destroy body and souls than all other agencies combined? 'When I hear of apparently good men selling themselves to the liquor interests, for paltry gain and power, and high officials diverting the will of the people and clearing the 'broad road to destruction' for our sons and daughters, I am forced to exclaim, 'What a merciful Father dwells in the Heavens!'"

Now that the campaign is practically over, we feel free to say that the course of The Deseret News in the present campaign, which the writer and others characterize as "silence" on a moral issue, is, to the very best of our judgment, after mature consideration, the only one consistent with the position of the Church as an organization entirely outside the whirlpool of politics. We are perfectly well aware that the enemies of the Church are very much disappointed because the "News" has taken this consistent and unassailable position. They would have been pleased to find the "News" on one side or the other of the political fence, so as to be able to say that the Church, through the "News," is in politics. Disappointed in this, they cry "inconsistency!" We hope our friends will not permit themselves to be carried away by clamor.

The "News" has persistently fought the saloon evil and kindred abnormalities of our modern civilization. We have been in the fight at the loss of business which we have gladly given up for the sake of principle. The "News" has not changed its policy in this regard-a statement we hope to be able to prove when the people are ready to take up the question of moral reforms in the Legislature or in local assemblies.

When the writer refers to "good men selling themselves to the liquor interests," we have this to say: "Judge not without sufficient reason." No man should be judged by the assertions of political opponents. The Son of Man himself would be, if the judgment of His adversaries could be relied on, a sinner. We have heard a great deal about that deal, but no proofs have been produced that would convince any fair-minded jury. In view of the total absence of facts, is it not best to suspend judgment? We are of the opinion that things have been said and charged, in speech and print, during this campaign which now, when the calmer judgment asserts itself, are sincerely regretted. We can only hope that regret will be followed by repentance and that in the future we shall have safer and saner politics than in the past. A great deal of hatred and bitterness is due to the abnormal element of anti-"Mormonism" that has been injected into local politics. With that element removed, the people, both non-"Mormons" and "Mormons," would have time to devote to questions of principle and business and to shape their policy with the welfare of the State in view. As it is they are driven to defense against the assaults of a church, and in the confusion, as sometimes happens on the field of battle when the smoke and fog make everything uncertain to the view of the soldiers, friends are fighting friends instead of the enemy. But the conditions will not always be abnormal. Some time the sound, common sense of the non-"Mormons" here will assert itself, in the interest of peace and true American principles.

THOSE CLOTHING LOTTERIES.

It is to be hoped that the movement against the so-called "suit clubs" in this city will be pushed to the full limit. If the matter were in any other hands than those of the police department there might be hope that the evils which legitimate business concerns complain of, would be corrected; but in this, as in so many other questions it is the usual agitation, fare of trumpets, investigation, (?) then oblivion. The evil of this lottery scheme is a gamble pure and simple, in

wide spread and far reaching. The attention of The Deseret News has been called to the case of many young men who win their clothing in one of these "suit club" drawings, after having paid in but a few dollars; instead of stopping them, they invariably "stay with the game" in the hope of getting something for little or nothing; if they win again, they sell out at a profit to some friend who is also enticed into the "beauties" of the scheme, and they thus become canvassers and workers for the club promoters.

The legitimate clothing concerns of the city, who pay the heavy taxes and licenses necessary to carry on business here, have every right to make vigorous complaint on the way these clothing lotteries are allowed to go on uninterrupted. If they get no redress from the police or license department, they ought to send an outspoken delegation to the mayor and then follow it up in the courts.

A GOOD WOMAN GONE.

Death comes as a dark presence to any household; it came last night with special gloom to the home of J. M. Sjobahl - its shadow intensified by the suddenness with which it struck its blow.

No home bereaved of wife and mother could more severely feel its loss. Mrs. Sjobahl, to all who knew her, stood as the personification of munishine. In her person she radiated good will to all with whom she came in contact. In her home she stood for gentleness, patience-all the gracious attributes that go to make up a loving and lovable woman. Tactful and considerate, she won all who knew her, and rarely was her name mentioned without some tribute to her kindly nature and ever friendly attitude. An exceptionally clever and capable housewife, and devoted to her accepted sphere, she was moreover a social favorite, her winning personality making her a charming companion, and winning the friendship of all. No one who knew of the close sympathy and mutual understanding between the husband and wife but can guess the depth of the affliction spelled to the one in deprivation of a constant companionship which has brightened the long years. To him it will mean the loss of a gentle and loving companion, a true comrade, an ever wise and constant counselor and helpmate; to the children the bereavement of all that is meant in the true and lasting sense of mother. Yet there is one who can assuage the sorrow of the double loss, and to him all who have been through the dark waters of affliction must turn for the only true and constant comfort which can come alone from that source.

Words are feeble solace in a trouble of this weight, but the News joins in the expression of heartfelt sympathy which will be felt by all who sense the family's loss. May the husband, children and friends be given spiritual strength to bear their up in their bereavement.

"UTAH, WE LOVE THEE."

It is a pleasure to turn from the acrimony and turmoil of politics, now happily ending for a season, to the contemplation of those things which make for the calm and contented enjoyment of Thanksgiving. Perhaps it is more than a coincidence that the latter holiday and election day come in the same month, with just enough time in between to permit the excitement attendant upon the one to subside into the genuine gratitude of the other. It is to most people no common cause for thanksgiving when the strenuous game of politics with all its feverishness and exaggerations comes to an end for the time being. Indeed, there may be years when this is the chief and supremest element in the outpouring of thanks from the heart of the American people. We venture to say that the year of 1910 is one of those occasions.

Apart from the great joy over the termination of a most intense political battle, the people of the United States in general, and of Utah in particular, have abundant cause for thanksgiving. The country has had a great harvest; employment has been plentiful and well paid for; manufacturers have been crowded to "the top of their bent"; miners have dug out mighty treasures of the yellow, white and red metals. Orchard and ranch, garden and range, field and factory, office and store, have all yielded fair profit, while peace within and without has brooded over the nation's interests, and health has held sway in its homes.

In Utah the year has been especially bounteous and beneficent. The matchless resources of the commonwealth were never before so well understood. The sturdy qualities of the people were never before so well recognized and appreciated. There has been a great breaking down of prejudice-a growing inclination to cease pulling apart and to begin pulling together. More and more prevalent is the idea that there is room and opportunity here for all who are loyal, reputable, truth-loving-for all who are willing not only to live and let live, but to live and help others to live. With internal discord discouraged and put aside, there is hardly a conceivable limit to the rapidity of the growth this state is capable of. In everything that tends to health, prosperity and happiness, it has been most richly blessed. Golden opportunities knock at its doors. In soil, in climate, in treasure-houses of precious metal, the Creator has been extremely generous. Nothing that is needed for a community's wealth and welfare has been omitted or denied. So the people of Utah have much to be thankful for. They doubtless realize this, and will in their various ways manifest it. One of these ways peculiarly appropriate would be: For all classes to cultivate a little more breadth and liberality instead of narrowness; to quit trying to tear down, and unite in trying to build up; to refrain from abuse and bigotry, and vie with one another in generosity and charity; to live in the glorious present and for the brilliant future, instead of sweeping over mournfully the embers of a perhaps misunderstood past. The thanksgiving season inaugurated with the adoption of resolutions of this character would mean the dawn of a day of success and happiness for Utah

the like of which our beloved State never beheld, and which it has been given to enjoy by few communities on this earth to date.

A BETTER OUTLOOK.

The reports of births in France show a somewhat better condition than it has for some time past. During the first half of the present year the births exceeded the deaths by a little more than 21,000. Last year the deaths exceeded the births and a continuance of that condition would of course have meant the ultimate extinction of the population. Whether the increase now recorded marks a permanent improvement time alone can tell.

The government has grappled with the problem of the decreasing birth rate. Extraordinary parliamentary commissions have been studying the situation. Drafts of new laws have been offered proposing the taxation of bachelors and spinsters, and, after a certain number of years of childless married couples, and on the other hand, to give government assistance to those having families of a certain size. There has been an extraordinary agitation against the evil, and it is to be hoped that the fruits of this work in the interest of morality are seen in the improved birthrate.

Riches have wings and automobiles.

To rob a pawn shop is a double robbery.

There are tricks in all trades but politicians'.

To belabor one's enemies is usually a labor of love.

Many a vote is cast in corruption and raised in corruption.

It must be very lonesome to be the last leaf on a family tree.

Even Dr. Crippen can say that while there is life there is hope.

The demand for human hair grows faster than the hair grows.

There is no mention of the insurgents in the Thanksgiving proclamation.

Two years hence perhaps those who "also ran" may be able to "come back."

When in doubt a man cannot do what is right and let the consequences follow.

President Taft registered by wire, but he was at the polls in propria persona.

And tomorrow everybody will be saying, "Oh, that was only campaign talk."

The supply of fools is always equal to the demand. And doubtless always will be.

Today by their party badges shall they know them; tomorrow by their shouting.

"I am only an ordinary man," says the Colonel. Which statement is extraordinary.

There are no stomach bitters like those administered at the polls in the form of defeat.

The last days of Pompeii were cold and frosty compared with the last days of the present campaign.

A man will resent being called a liar yet he will but smile when saluted as a member of the Ananias club.

Throughout the country the campaign has been quite as much if not more of a merry-go-round than a square deal.

"Americans have victory within their reach in the county," says the organ of the "American" party. Even if that were so, it is a safe wager that they will fumble.

Most people forget that they have one mouth with which to speak and two ears with which to listen, and act as though the mouths were two and the ears but one.

Since Uncle Sam assimilated the Philippines the population is said to have decreased 25 per cent. This shows that peace hath her victories no less renowned than war.

The supreme court of Kansas has decided that a loaf of bread must weigh sixteen ounces or it is not a full loaf. Half a loaf of such a loaf is decidedly better than no loaf at all.

In France Secretary of War Dickson went up in a military aeroplane and describes the sensation as superb. Now look out for a strong recommendation in the secretary of war's annual report for a large fleet of fast-flying aeroplanes.

A NEW IRELAND.

James Boyle in Forum.

There is now a new Ireland-an Ireland which is practically unknown to the vast majority of the Irish race in America. This new Ireland has been created mainly by the recent land acts, although there are other causes-social, economic, as well as legislative-which are already but surely at work in the regeneration of the unhappy Erin of old. Intelligent and fair-minded Irish-Americans who have within the last five or six years visited the "old country" after a long interval, see this wonderful change for the better, and freely acknowledge it.

GEORGE V.

Los Angeles Times.

As the world progresses and more liberal sentiments prevail in every section of society, the kings of the earth find it necessary to stand firmly on their feet and to order their lives in accordance with modern sentiment. The old order has changed and kings, like other folk, must adapt themselves to changed conditions. Many a monarch of olden times failed to do this, and the nation quickly enforced the lesson; Alfonso's crown is decidedly out of balance; the czar of Russia is practically a prisoner. In George of England, on the contrary, we see the happy fortune of a king who broad-bases his throne upon his people's will. This solid business sense, the wholesome middle-class morality, and the exemplary home life of this practical king is doing more to perpetuate the monarchy in Great Britain than all the military achievements of

the Plantagenets and Tudors. Had he followed in the footsteps of so recent a monarch as George III the "pool of London" would soon witness a dumping similar to the historical tea party in Boston harbor. During the reign of William IV the land was drifting rapidly into socialism. The first Victorian decade was marked by bread riots and labor insurrections in the north of England. Scotland was honeycombed with discontent; for many years Ireland was in open revolt. The chief European nations treated England with distrust or thinly veiled hostility.

THE SHIFTING IN POLITICS.

Philadelphia Record.

Men go and come; but parties stay. The new nationalism is the old federalism breaking out afresh in an eruptive quarter. There was an outbreak of plague a few years ago in Rio Janeiro consequent upon the excavation of earth where old victims had been buried. The present outbreak, however, is not of the same nature. It is a case of whim or favor dictates. In the state of Wyoming this year the Democrats are led by a six-months-ago Republican turned honest. The Republican leader, on the other hand, is a Democrat turned standpatter. Meantime there has been no change in rooted principles, men are changing their camping ground; there is a general condition of upheaval.

DIVORCE IN MAINE.

Waterville Sentinel.

Our divorce products are greater than those of any other state along the north Atlantic seaboard in proportion to the population. They are steadily increasing. There was an outbreak here among the "pine-clad hills" are on the increase. Booze, drunken habits, confirmed intoxication, vice, saints of prohibition, blind as bats, as a cause for divorce have increased 34 per cent in 40 years. Does this growth in the product of divorce testify to prosperity? Is it an indication of happiness? What is wrong with this state? Are they enamored by affluence? Smash, smash goes the home fireside. Bang, bang, asunder goes the marriage yoke. And, wretch, it is a condition which reaches down through the future years of posterity.

BOY WILL FIRST ACCLAIM KING.

New York Herald.

When King George V of England is crowned next June at Westminster Abbey the honor of being the first to acclaim the new monarch will be the privilege, not of a noble or of a subject, but of the captain of Westminster school, who will thus exercise a privilege, the origin of which is lost in remote antiquity. The boy who first hailed the new monarch will be the captain of Westminster school, who will thus exercise a privilege, the origin of which is lost in remote antiquity. The boy who first hailed the new monarch will be the captain of Westminster school, who will thus exercise a privilege, the origin of which is lost in remote antiquity.

JUST FOR FUN

His First Bite.

He had never fished before, and his rod was new and shining with resplendent varnish. Fastidiously attired, he was whipping a trout stream when by some old chance he got a bite, a one-pounder from the way the line strained. He did not expect the fish at all, but with rod held straight ahead, he slowly and steadily reeled him in. Presently the fish's head appeared below the end of the rod. Did he stop? No; he kept on reeling the fish in, and finally the fish's head touched the tip. The man even tried to pull him through the ring. Just then the man turned and saw a stranger standing on the bank. With a startled look he said: "What shall I do now?" "The only thing you can do now," the man said, "is to climb up the pole after him."-Exchange.

According to Schedule.

Eugene Higgins, in the smoking room of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie in Europe that some Americans make. "Europe, to give its best," said Mr. Higgins, "must be taken slowly. Once, in an Italian picture gallery, I heard a broad-shouldered American woman ask another: "Is this Florence or Venice?" "What day's today?" the other asked. "Wednesday." "Then it's Florence." -Washington Star.

An Unjust Charge.

"You were trying to evade the law by getting into an automobile without being qualified." "Trying to evade the law, nothing! Didn't I run right into an officer?" -Kansas City Journal.

Ostentatious Millionaires.

Mrs. Cavendish Bentlock, on her recent visit to Newport, condemned the ostentation of some of the Newport millionaires. "In my girlhood," said Martin Livingston's brilliant daughter, "it was different. But today the American millionaire's environment suggests too strongly the lady who, while giving a dinner sent for her maid and said: 'Celeste, I'm cold. Bring me another string of pearls.'" -Washington Star.

There Always Is.

"Have you noticed, my friend, how many fools there are on earth?" "Yes; and there's always one more than you think." -Ally Sloper's Half Holiday.

Not Much to Ask.

Farber. Would you like anything on your face when I've finished, sir? Victim. Well, you might leave my nose, if you don't mind! -Punch.

"Did any of your ancestors do things to cause posterity to remember them?" asked the haughty woman. "I reckon they did," replied Farmer Cornsless. "My grandfather put mortgages on this place that ain't paid off yet." -Washington Star.

THE INNOCENT MAID.

"Do you believe in high license?" asked the young man in the parlor. "Well," replied the innocent maid, "I don't believe the license should be high enough to discourage matrimony." -Chicago News.

THE JOB FOR HIM.

Bobbs-I don't know what to make of that boy of mine. He is never around when he is wanted.

Slobbs-Why don't you try and get him out on the police force? -Philadelphia Record.

SALT LAKE THEATRE. TOMORROW NIGHT and Matinee Wednesday. BLANCHE WALSH. In Her Greatest Success. "The Other Woman". By Frederic Arnold Kummer. Prices-Night, 50c to \$1.50; Matinee, 25c to \$1.00. Sale opens Friday. N. B.-On Tuesday evening full election returns will be read from the stage.

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