ALFALES YOUNG, - - - EDITOR. form from the ways of corruption in of-

EDUCATION FOR POLITICS.

We do not belong to the same party as rings was the St. Louis whisky ring, of the Journal of Logan, nor are its aims which Babcock was chief. It was during our aims; our object is not its object, but the trials of the leaders of this at times we see in it something to be ring that Grant made his famous commended, and if the suggestions which remark, "Let no guilty man escape." it makes occasionally were followed by There were no guilty men there, as they the members of its party, there would be all escaped. There has been enough a much healthier state of things here corruption in office since then, and some

In the Journal of April 18, there is an however tame and much of a temperance excellent article entitled "Political Edu- administration Hayes may have had, yet cation," in which there is some very be did not surround himself with men sound sense. The article at the very first whose chief aim was spoils. In this refrankly admits that the masses of the spect he was superior to Arthur, although people of Utah require a better political Arthur was a much abler man. But the education than they now have; a thing days of corruption in office for corruption's that, so far as we can remember, has sake are gone, no matter what political never been admitted before by any paper party may rule, nor what the platform which was of the People's Party. Here- may be. The reform of to-day is in the tofore the People's Party has throughout theory of office-holding, and the country taught that their politics needed no de- at large, at least the greater part, has refense, and that any assault upon their pudiated the theory of Andrew Jackson policies in the administration of public that to the victors belong the spoils. affairs was a blow aimed at their relig- That theory is pernicious in every ious freedom. When they have gone into respect, and holds that government is the political field where hard werk and merely a means of livelihood for those political acumen had a chance to change who may be so fortunate as to get an majorities when parties were nearly bal- office. It teaches that men are but anced, the members of the People's Party | knaves and that it is a blessing that the have not known what to do, and while others did not get into office, for they are waiting to find out, they have been beaten so much worse than those who are in, by their political enemies. The trouble that the little irregularities which they has been that unless a leader was given commit are really virtuous acts. The them, they were without one, and the theory of civil service reform is that govindividual men have not been accustomed ernment is a regulation and public adminto rely on themselves, but on others. The istration of those affairs in which the leaders of the People's Party have regret- whole community is interested, and that ted this fact at times, and yet in those branches where the administranever dared to trust their fol- tion of affairs is of a purely business lowers to act for themselves. In nature and requires the same attention this statement the Journal bears us and ability only as are required in the out as to the part which refers to the business affairs of banks and commercial leaders of its party. "We have heard houses, those who are performing many prominent gentlemen of the class the e duties should remain it alluded to admit and deplore the fact their positions during good behavior, that their numbers scarcely embraced a irrespective of a change of party and sir de man competent to lead out in poli- policy. It was to further and put in practics and cope in the political field with tice this theory that Pendleton introduced their adversaries." Does not this arise and secured the passage of his civil serfact that the men of that party vice reform bill. It was laughed at, ys been told what to do, (we do scoffed at; called Utopian and pure Lat av the take advice has not been good) Democracy by its opponents, who foretold instead of doing what they thought ought its failure, chiefest among whom were the to be done? And now when they find that | leaders of the Republican party, although they at the " must act for themselves, there were many Democrats who had no WE KEEP A CHOICE LINE OF they do not how how to act. There is faith in the measure. But the failure did Boof. scarcely a m. in the People's Party who | not come, and the man who carried that would not acof the idea of asking any banner of reform was placed in the highwhat he should do if est position within the gift of the Amerihe were in the anyons and his wagon can people. To-day there are none who broke down or any part of his harness are invoking its cabalistic power so much broke, for there their experience and as those who laughed and scoffed, reviled common sense have taught them to rely at, and revelled in its predicted failure. on themselves. In material affairs they Doubtless the theories of that reform are abundantly able to take care will be carried further than they are now, of themselves, and why should they and many offices that are now appointive not be in political affairs, which will become competitive. But the very are of greater importance to them? spirit of that reform is that good men are They will one day say to those who have to be placed in office as well as retaining assumed to tell them what to do and them in office, and where there are those what not to do, that they are abundantly in the service who are not competent or able to take care of themselves; and that, are using their office for other purposes like Rip Van Winkle's potions, they are than those of the government business, better without them. We believe that they should be immediately removed. this day is fast approaching, and that It is a dream, of which More would never soon everything will be done in the cau- have thought, to say that under the trrecuses and conventions and not before sponsible rule of twenty-four years, with theze meet, as now. When that day no system of selection but that of favoritshall come, the people may be Demo- ism, there would be no incompetent men crats, or Republicans, or Prohibitionists, to remove, and that reform consisted in or what they choose, but on that day never removing them. There are many they can be reached by political ar- good and competent men in office and guments, and whenever men listen they should be retained, but there to arguments they will weigh are plenty who are not and they should them for their worth, and support that be removed; but if men who are no more which to them may seem best. When competent than they, are to be put in, the that day comes, we have no fear for the removal is merely for spoils. Those ideas of Democracy, for they stand on officials who are representative of a policy argument and reason and hold that the rather than administrators of public busirights of man are more sacred than all ness, should be selected for their politi-

Yes, let us by all means have political they represent, and they should be men education, for "rarely under a republican of the first rank. To this class belong form of government providing for pop- ministers to foreign courts, heads of deular suffrage, has there been so great a partments, governors of Territories and lack of popular interest, discussion and such like. This is the rule of the civil excitement in political affairs as was" service of England, and England, to a Cast and Wrought Iron RANGES, (and we may say is) "the case in Utah great extent, is our model in this respect. for many years after its organization as a It is to be hoped that President Cleveland Territory.

It is to be hoped that in every town Democratic policy those who are Demothroughout this Territory there will be crats, and in harmony with that policy; political clubs formed, on whatsoever they do not belong to the clerical class of platforms the people may deem most employes, and should not be selected on suited to their welfare, and then will the the basis of their selection. people begin to realize that they are the source and the end of political power in their public affairs, and that they owe allegiance to no man, and that the State is the whole people and not any part.

States that it be sent back for trial is becoming a regular thing, almost as regular AN EXPLANATION. as the adjournment of the Constitutional It is a small matter and one in which Convention. It now comes back for a the public, in this particular regard, has fourth trial, and no doubt for a fourth little interest, but in justice to the patrons conviction of Hopt. In Utah it will stand of the Democrar and to this paper and as a great test case, a case in which a to Mr. Harte, our local reporter, we wish number of Federal Judges were tested to say that there was no promise given and found wanting. So familiar has the by the Democrar, or any one on its staff, public become with the law in this case, to Messrs. Remington, Johnston & Co., that it has been deemed a safe bet among that there should be no mention made of those who wager that the case would be the defalcation of their bookkeeper, in reversed. There were no takers. During No. 70. our columns. Mr. Harte last night de- the last trial there was no doubt about nied that the promise was given, and the Supreme Court of Utah being suswhen this was shown to Mr. Remington, tained by the court of last resort, and so Mr. Remington branded the statement sure were the judges of this that they reas a lie. It is not a lie; upon the fused a stay of execution pending the apcontrary it is the truth. We peal, and said there was no provision in will say further that we can the laws authorizing such a proceeding. see no special reason why a crime com- But they magnanimously suggested that mitted in Remington, Johnson & Co.'s it was a case for Executive clemoffice should have any special indulgence ency, and upon the Executive and be hushed up any more than any was thrown the responsibility of deother crime. It seems to make a won- ciding the matter. To aid the Executive derful difference with some who are cry- in arriving at a correct conclusion as to ing for an enforcement of the laws where the course he should pursue in the mata crime is committed, and that some have ter, a mass meeting was called in the a right to a benefit of clergy while others | Opera House at which a number of highly have not. No, crimes are crimes every- inflammatory speeches were made, and where and should not be hushed up, but which to some sounded like an inciteshould be punished.—Editor Descounts ment to mob law. One gentleman, and

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM.

a prominent member of the Salt Lake bar, said that the appeal in the case was. The most important question that has a mere shell and there was no substance agitated the public in the last few years in it; while another gentleman, and a is that of civil service reform. Reform member of the bar of Provo City, endorsed was the campaign cry of 1870, and rethis assertion, and in a grand peroration form was the plank on which Samuel J. said: "Let justice take her course," which Tilden came so near obtaining the Presimeant execute Hopt and allow no appeal. dency. Then it was not so much what It seems now there was something in the is now termed civil service reform as reappeal, and had the wisdom of the populace prevailed, there would have been a fice of which the carpet baggers in the judicial murder committed. The action South were the great lights and leaders. of the Territorial Supreme Court in this About the last of this series of political case was condemned by all, and righteously condemned too. It threw upon Secretary Thomas, who was the acting Governor at the time, a grave responsibility, but he met the responsibility as a man and did his duty as an officer, unswayed by popular clamor for vengeance, and not for justice. It should teach the people that the safeguard to spare, but it has greatly lessened; and of the innocent as well as the guilty is the law and the observance of all its provisions, no matter how often a man may be found guilty by an inferior court. It is to be hoped that some day the Supreme Court of Utah will find out the law in this case, for so often as the case is tried just so often will Hopt be found guilty. The case is one of great aggravation to the sense of justice of the community, and Sheriff Turner, whose son was the victim, has behaved nobly throughout the many trials which have been had, and is to be honored for his Queen Victoria's Bed.

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