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AMUSEMENTS TODAY. Salt Lake—Matinee, "Sapho," night, "Adrienne Lecouvreur."

WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE. Fair. THE METALS. Silver, no quotation; holiday in New York.

PASS THE BILL.

Just as a business proposition, the Galveston plan for city government which has passed the state senate, appeals to the common sense and good judgment of the people.

Now that the measure goes to the house with the approval of the senate, there should be no unnecessary delay in passing it. Committee consideration, properly directed, can only strengthen the public conviction that the proposed change in methods of administering Salt Lake's business affairs is altogether necessary and desirable.

If the garbage collector fails to come around on time and the street is decorated with unsightly ash cans, you telephone the health department and are told the collector is sick, or the roads are bad, or the department is tired of kicks from you.

If the water service is bad, as it frequently has been during the summer, you get much the same result. People in Poperton tried for years to get water and failed, although their neighbors lower down had plenty, and it took them weeks every summer to secure the satisfaction that a competent business management would have granted in ten minutes.

The city engineer approves a questionable demand for extra compensation to a contractor. The council prepares to pay the bill. The board of works refuses to approve. A wrangle ensues, the bill is rejected, a suit follows and the city has to pay eventually after standing the cost of a lawsuit.

No matter what party is in power now, the administration cannot be what it should be; no matter what party might be in power under the new

plan, it would be better situated to give good business administration and the public would be in better position to demand it.

TOUGH ON THE SHEEPMEN.

If open confession is good for the soul those cattlemen in conference with the president must have done their souls a heap of good. One ingenious stockgrower suggested that the number of offenders who had fenced government lands illegally would include the entire membership of the National Livestock association; and another said he had been compelled to pull down his fences because he had fallen into disfavor politically and could no longer get favoritism.

As might have been expected the cattlemen are in favor of the president's plan for government control of the open range, which would include permission to fence lands designated by the president on payment of a fee. On the other hand the sheepmen who regard the government pastures as their own oppose any control that will involve payment for use of the lands or limitation of the domain in which they may graze their flocks.

Between these two opposing views there is no likelihood of congressional action at this session, but the president has one advantage in his threat to order all the fences down unless an agreement is reached. Then he adds this queer rider in a letter to Senator Warren: "The utmost I will consent to so far as my power extends in the matter of legislation, is to continue such fences as in my judgment it is right and proper for me to continue. My first care is for the homesteader and small stockman."

Ordinary law-abiding citizens supposed the federal law prohibiting fences was to be observed whether the president thought some of the fences, in his judgment, as he puts it, ought to be continued or not. When a New Mexican rises to say that he and his associate cattlemen have maintained fences illegally on a tract of 30,000 square miles for twenty-five years with immunity, it would seem about time for somebody to enforce the law.

Another surprising thing about the president's declaration is his attack on the nomadic sheepmen. "These are the men," he says to Senator Warren, "who graze wandering flocks of sheep and who do not promote the real settlement of the country. These are the men whose interests are diametrically hostile to those of the home-makers, who wish to eat out and destroy the country where he desires permanence to live; and who, when they have thus ruined the land of the homesteader and small stockman move elsewhere to repeat the process of devastation."

That ought to make good reading for the sheepmen of the west who have been the craziest of all Roosevelt worshippers, who have sworn by him night and day ever since he got into office and who have shouted themselves hoarse every time he has taken his pen in hand or got his voice into action. Of course the cattlemen who have fenced hundreds of thousands of acres in Wyoming illegally, and still have it fenced, are little white angels with pink wings and seraphic crowns on their heads. They, the cattlemen who inclose the streams on public lands, who serve notice on the sheepmen to get off the earth, or words to that effect, are the real friends of the small homesteader for whom the president has conceived such a sudden and violent liking. A cattleman do wrong? Perish the thought; the real offender, the peril that stalks around by noonday and sundown is the herder with his woolly charges.

As for the homesteader, if the president would annul that order holding up patents for lands, an order suspending a law of congress without any right, the homesteader would feel a lot more cheerful than he ever will reading a lot of gush telling about his virtues and the need of protecting his rights from sheepmen.

In the last analysis, the whole question is properly a matter for congress, and no one else, to settle. To vest power in the executive or in an executive department is to invite a repetition of the discriminations in forest reserve permits, the favors to political sets, wherever federal appointees are given discretionary powers in the matter of grazing permits. Let congress settle the question and then let the president and his department heads enforce the law as they find it in the statute books, and there will be less need for buncombe about sheepmen, or cattlemen, or homesteaders.

Next thing anybody knows these negro ex-soldiers will be wanting to sue the people of Brownsville for damages by shooting up their own town. Nothing more absurdly improbable than some of the testimony given by these men before the senate investigating committee could hardly be imagined. They would have the committee and the country believe that citizens of Brownsville, because they did not like the negro soldiers, deliberately murdered two or three of their fellow citizens, placed the lives of other citizens in danger and destroyed some valuable property. And, if the negroes tell the truth, the shooting was done with cartridges from the Springfield arsenal and the citizens must have stolen them, for they could not have gotten them in any other way. If some of the colored brethren don't go to prison for perjury it will not be because they do not deserve to be sent there.

A discussion is going on in the east as to whether or not there is any authority for calling a member of the house of representatives "Congressman." A contemporary observes that it is at least much more accurate than "Honorable."

SOCIETY

Mrs. William H. Cunningham was the hostess yesterday afternoon at a large and elaborate bridge tea given in honor of Mrs. J. E. Huntington of Sacramento. Ten tables were filled with the players, and prizes were awarded the winner at each. In the dining room yellow and red tulips were used for decoration above the table from which fell showers of the flowers and plumosa. Low bowls of the same flowers were used on the table, and beds of green tulle were arranged between. Yellow candles with green shades lighted the board. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Ashby D. Cleveland and Miss Margaret Park, and the prize winners were Mrs. W. Mont Perry, Mrs. George L. Nye, Mrs. J. L. Franken, Miss Mary Smedley, Miss Gertrude McGrath, Mrs. Robert J. Glendinning, Miss Nason, Mrs. A. C. Ewing, Mrs. J. E. Gallagher and Miss Elizabeth McIntyre.

Mrs. William Igleheart and Mrs. Joel L. Priest received their friends at a tea, yesterday afternoon at the Igleheart home on First street. The house was bright with the spring flowers, jonquils and daffodils in great clusters decorating the rooms. In the dining room the walls were in pink, tulle and rose pink carnations being used with ferns. A suggestion of Valentine's day was given with the tiny hearts used and the cupid for a central decoration to the table. The affair was the first of a series of which the second will be tomorrow.

Captain and Mrs. H. C. Clement entertained last afternoon at a dinner at which a dozen of their friends were guests. The table decorations were of red Richmond roses, and the guests were Major and Mrs. Allen M. Smith, Major Bishop, Captain and Mrs. John E. Woodard, Major Hearn, Miss Katherine Judge, Captain and Mrs. A. S. Brooks, Captain Howland and Captain Pritchard.

Mr. and Mrs. David Keith with their small son, David, reached home Monday evening after a stay of some weeks in New York and Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Edward Fire and Miss Cosgriff and J. E. Cosgriff left last night for a few weeks' trip to the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, who have spent the past few months in the east, are back and are again at home at the Bransford.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearns and their little daughter, Helen, returned yesterday morning from the east, where they have spent the past six weeks.

Captain and Mrs. H. C. Clement will entertain again at a dinner tomorrow evening at their quarters at Fort Douglas.

Mrs. Robert King Brown will entertain her card club at a luncheon today at her home, 707 Second street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Read are moving into their new home and will shortly be at home at 111 O. street.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent O. Keyes have returned from the east and are at home now at the Cullen hotel.

Miss Mamie Green of Denver is visiting her sister, H. M. Kimball, at her apartments in the Willey.

Mrs. Philip Speckart and her sister, Miss Arvilla Clark, have gone to Ogden for a short stay.

George E. Skelton has issued invitations for a violin recital to be given next Tuesday evening at the First Congregational church. The assisting artists are to be Mrs. Anna Colburn Plummer, Fred C. Graham and Mrs. George E. Skelton. A number of Mr. Skelton's pupils will take part in the program.

Mrs. C. D. Moore and Mrs. C. H. Van Arman entertained the members of St. Mark's guild yesterday afternoon at a silver tea.

Mrs. A. G. Mackenzie and her little daughter, Margaret, left Monday to join Mr. McKenzie in Anacosta.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Sturgis and Martin R. Lowe of Breckinridge, Colo., took place Monday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, 539 Eighth East street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Elmer I. Goshen, the wedding being only a quiet home affair. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe will leave tomorrow for Denver and after a short visit there, will make their home in Breckinridge. The young bride is the Miss Sturgis who won favorable comment last summer when she was seen in the Orpheum Stock company.

Miss Mildred Tibbals and Miss Minnie Stevenson, who are now in Italy, have spent the past three or four weeks in Florence. They go thence to Naples, where they will remain till April 11, when they will be joined by Mrs. Tibbals and Mrs. J. R. Bushwell. The party will spend four months in Italy.

What promises to be a big event for the young boys and girls is the valentine dance to be given tomorrow evening in the Ladies' Literary club, at which Mrs. Van Cott, Terrell Hoyt, Russell Sands, Harold Horlick and Weir Casady will entertain their friends. The affair will be chaperoned by the mother of the five boys, and about 100 of the younger boys and girls will be the guests.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

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