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## LOCAL POLITICS

The term for which Postmaster Thomas was appointed expires early next year. There are four applicants for the position. Mr. Thomas, for re-appointment, J. U. Eldredge, Jr., Fred W. Price, respectively, and A. H. Nash. The appointment, as established by precedent, rests with Senator Sutherland, Salt Lake City being the senator's home town. All the applicants are staunch political and personal friends of Mr. Sutherland and it is not yet known which he will recommend to President Roosevelt. Under a late ruling President Roosevelt and Postmaster General Cortelyou civil service practices are to prevail to the extent that the mere wish of a senator will not be sufficient to remove an efficient postmaster no matter how long he may have held the office, and those rules already apply to the treasurer and other postoffice officials. This militates to the advantage of Mr. Thomas, the present incumbent. Mr. Eldredge is a young man of more than ordinary ability and probity. For years he has been an ardent worker in the Republican cause and is deserving of any rewards his party has to dispense.

Mr. Thomas for nearly eight years has been postmaster of Salt Lake City and a most efficient public servant. The service during his administration and largely owing to his personal influence has been advanced from that of a village to a city of the first class. A few years ago people were under the necessity of traveling miles to buy postage stamps and transact their postoffice business; now there are in the city fifteen small stations and five larger sub-stations at which mail is received and dispatched. Few if any cities in the country can show so great advancement in the past eight years in the matter of postal facilities. The county has also benefited. The rural free delivery covers every portion of the county whereas it was non-existent before. The improvements for public convenience were to a great extent brought about by the

personal influence of Mr. Thomas. His efficiency and attention to the needs of the public are a strong recommendation for Mr. Thomas, and one which will be considered.

Fred Price has valid claims to substantial reward from the Republican party. He has been among the staunchest and most faithful Republicans in adversity and prosperity, an ardent worker at all times and a man of ability and sterling integrity. A. H. Nash is well known here. He is a brother of Governor Nash of Ohio, always been a Republican and a worker under all circumstances. He was assistant postmaster in Salt Lake and afterwards postmaster, acquitted himself with credit and ability and while he was in office gave the public good service.

Bunco Bill, as they call him in Ogden, was in Salt Lake seeking endorsements for his application for postmaster of Ogden.

Truth said last week that the internal revenue office would not be removed from Salt Lake and that E. H. Callister would remain in the office of collector for many long days. Advices from Washington fully establish this position. There will be no change in either the location of the office or the personnel of the collector. The ripple was a small wave gotten up by the Tribune without anything substantial behind it.

Furious J. Cannon, who has been in almost all known political parties, is now laying his wires to get back where he originally started from, the Republican party. He has written some letters to President Roosevelt explaining (?) that the "American" party movement here was instituted for the purpose of "cleaning up" the Republican party, a ruse to get rid of the riff raff. Frankie hopes to blossom out as a Republican leader very soon!

Ben Heywood, United States marshal for Utah, wants to continue holding that office. He and his friends

are making representations at Washington that he ought to be re-appointed on account of his efficient services in the past.

In the clean sweep which the incoming city administration is expected to make and which it has a right to make, there is one officer which Truth hopes will not be touched, that is Colonel B. B. Mann, the humane officer. Whether or no Colonel Mann was with the American party in the late election we don't know and in the case of the office he holds it should not make any difference. The pay attached to the office is so small that it is hardly worth squabbling over. Colonel Mann is not holding the position for the money there is in it. It is for the good he can do and he has done a great deal of good in inculcating the principles of humanity and kindness to dumb animals, good to the animals and good to their owners, good to the public generally. While exercising the utmost vigilance Colonel Mann uses discretion so as not to work a hardship on poor people who own poor horses. A little reasoning and persuasive argument often is more effective than radical measures. Teaching unthinking people, who are not naturally cruel, something of the duty they owe to their dumb servants is fulfilling the object of the humane society better than always invoking the law as a means of securing decent treatment for the lower animals. Colonel Mann takes pride in his work and we hope he will not be disturbed.

Frank Godbe is likely to be the deputy auditor under Auditor Alff when the incoming administration takes hold; Barney Quinn will probably be appointed city license inspector; Joe Cohn, they say, is sure to be private secretary to the mayor, deputy mayor some people call it; C. H. Kraft is slated as chief deputy under City Treasurer Swenson; Miss McDonald in all probability will be retained in the recorder's office by Recorder Moreton, which will be a very sensible proceeding on the part of Mr. Moreton.

W. J. Lynch was not elected to the mayoralty, but those facetiously inclined say Jack Lynch was the successful candidate for mayor de facto.

### TOM IS A GREAT HERO.

The "American" party for a good many moons and especially just before elections tried to make it appear and with some success, too, that ex-Senator Kearns had nothing to do with the new party. Kearns was kept in the background as much as possible and the party leaders were not only indignant, but real angry when it was intimated that Tom and his revenge society, as Todkin's weekly a year or so ago characterized it, had anything to do with the great "American" party.

Ex-Senator Kearns, however, it appears has other views on the matter and does not propose to be robbed of the credit of the "American" party's recent victory. Below is some of the "slush" which is being sent by the Kearns bureau of publicity broadcast to the newspapers of the country. The New York Herald and the New York World and many other big papers had it. The following, which is from the Utica Saturday Globe, is a fair sample of it and will be read with amusement by people here who know the facts:

### BROKE THE MORMON RULE.

Remarkable Victory of Gentile Tom Kearns.

First Decisive Defeat the Church Sustained in Fifty Years Administered by the Man Who Was a Teamster When Fourteen Years of Age.

After one of the most bitter fights ever waged in any community, the Mormon church has sustained the first decisive defeat in fifty years of political supremacy in Utah. In Salt Lake City Ezra Thompson, candidate of the American party, defeated W. J. Lynch, the Mormon church's Republican candidate for mayor, and Gentiles see in this victory a decline of the Mormon power. So far as individuals go it was a victory for ex-Senator Tom Kearns over Reed Smoot, and it makes Kearns, who organized the American party, the hero of the hour. If a Biblical simile may be applied to a thing so mundane as a political fight, Utah regards the former senator as a Moses, who has delivered the people from a bondage in which they have been held for years by the hierarchy. He has led the Gentiles

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