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UTAH'S SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of Utah as at present constituted is not any great credit to the state, some even call it a disgrace. One of its members has gained a "reputation," being mixed up in very shady mining stock-jobbing transactions and lending his name and the prestige of the office he holds for the purpose of foisting on the public worthless mining stock or at least mining stock of very doubtful value. Numerous instances tending very strongly to show that such is the case have already been brought to light and exposed more or less in the public press. It is now said that Chief Justice Barch is just at present interesting himself in alleged mines in a neighboring state. A movement is on foot for the more stringent enforcement of post office laws with a view of preventing the mails from being used for promoting the sale of fake mines and the like.

The Kearns crowd of knockers and grafters have at least one redeeming quality. They fight to the last ditch. They always are beaten but they fight to the death. The Tribune and the gang has opposed every Federal appointment that has been made for the past two years. Their opposition counted for nothing, but they continue to oppose not only the appointments but their confirmation by the senate. They protest, trump up charges and make endless turmoil only to be beaten and made ridiculous. As usual they opposed the nomination of H. E. Booth for United States district attorney and having failed in preventing his appointment are now bending all their energies to prevent his confirmation. One of the prime movers in these schemes is no less a personage than the very erudite (?) and debonaire justice of the supreme court, the Hon. W. M. McCarty. McCarty, of course, owes his election to both the district and the supreme benches to the Kearns gang of which he has from its inception been a member, and a subservient tool. He has been faithful to his boss and in that has the advantage of the chief justice who has the facility of changing his coat as often as he thinks it is prudent to

do so. Pro-Mormon to the extent of seeking political favors from the head of the church, ante-Mormon, pro-Kearns, ante-Kearns and pro-Kearns again are a few of the political antics of the chief justice. McCarty, however, has been reasonably faithful to his boss all along, notwithstanding that at times he has flirted with the opposition, but he was only fooling them in order to make his nomination and election sure. All the legal learning that both are possessed of might be contained in one very small head. It's a good thing for litigants and attorneys that there is one lawyer on the supreme bench and that he is honest and upright.

In years gone by E. B. Critchlow found the endorsement of Rev. R. G. McNiece very efficacious in procuring him a Federal appointment. That was when Benjamin Harrison was president of the United States and the recommendation of the Presbyterian divine counted for more than all other endorsements combined; that was the time when Presbyterian church influence was worth having. In the late contest for the appointment of United States district attorney Mr. Critchlow had the endorsement of Mr. McNiece and others of the Presbyterian hierarchy but they were of little value. Times have changed.

Chief Justice Barch had his picture and a write-up in the Telegram the other day. He must be a good canvasser who induced the judge to pay \$100 for the "courtesy."

Ex-Senator Kearns is in hot pursuit of the phantom that he will again be chosen to misrepresent this state in the United States senate. He hopes that his "American" party will this fall carry Salt Lake, Weber, Summit, Carbon, Juab and Tooele counties and that two years hence his party will elect sufficient members of the legislature to make him a senator.

The business men of Salt Lake much deprecate the course of the Tribune in daily sending to the east 2000 copies of the paper filled with libels

on Utah, libels so gross that they seriously injure the business interests of this city and state. But the thing is likely to go on for some time, the paper having contracted to furnish the women's clubs who are fighting Senator Smoot with that number of copies of the sheet for three years, only about half of which period has expired. It's a vile thing for a newspaper to work harm to its home town and to the people who support it.

The Tribune a while ago gave away books and maps as inducements for people to subscribe for the paper. Then it went into the music business, but now has descended from literature and has gone into the dish trade as a competitor with some of its advertisers. They say Mr. Kearns waxes very eloquent when discanting on the merits of the dishes which are exclusively of the "American" brand. It is expected that in the near future washers, wringers and clothes pegs will be added to the inducements to take the Tribune.

The county commissioners sure enough made a botch in the refunding of \$350,000 of county bonds. The bonds were drawing 5 per cent interest but were refunded on a basis of 4½ per cent interest and on the payment of a cash premium of \$8,960. Rollins & Sons of Chicago being the purchasers. A number of the bids were a good deal better than the one accepted. The Society for Savings of Cleveland, Ohio, offered to take the bonds at 4½ per cent interest, a saving of ½ per cent in interest for 20 years as compared with Rollins' bid which would aggregate in the 20 years \$26,260. Deducting from this the \$8,960 premium paid by Rollins would leave a net difference against the county of \$17,300. The commissioners evidently wanted to get hold of the cash premium of \$8,960 which they calculate is worth to the county 5 per cent interest per annum for 20 years, but even taking it on that basis, which is fallacious, however, would still leave a balance of \$8,340 against the county. Commissioners Miller and Mackay are to blame for the very unbusiness like transaction. Mr. Wilson, it is said, objected to it. The present county board has not been a success in any way. More's the pity for the Republican party, but the truth must be told.

U. S. CONSUL BOTKIN IN THE LAND OF PAUL AND VIRGINIA.

Truth is in receipt of a most interesting communication from United States Consul Theodosius Botkin, stationed at Mauritius. Judge Botkin is well known in Salt Lake and has many warm friends here, who receive with interest anything he has to say, and are at all times glad to hear from him.

His letter to Truth is as follows:

Paul and Virginia's Land,
Island of Mauritius,

April 18, 1906.

Dear John Hughes:

As this place is only 10,960 nautical miles from New York, some of you might take a day off and run over to spend July 4th with me. You would enjoy the scenery, the refreshments, and the shade; and would see humanity in all its gradations, colors, characteristics and conditions. Ethiopian, Mongolian, Indian and Caucasian; Christian, Mohammedan, Buddhist, Brahmin, and Fetish; Catholic, Jew, and Protestant; and every other classification under the sun. There are 75,000 of them all; and, beneath old England's flag, they dwell together in peace, each tolerant of the others, and content that he himself has ample freedom to entertain whatever views may suit him best, and worship at the shrine of his own faith, without a suspicion of molestation by others. Surely Great Britain learned a valuable lesson from her frightful cost in the great Sepoy rebellion. Her thoughtlessness then in trying to force men to adopt certain little, peculiar customs contrary to their religious beliefs and prejudices forced in upon her at last the wise conclusion that such acts are always an intolerable tyranny, and inevitably lead to rebellion, confusion and revenge. The Sepoys were Mohammedans and protested against having to wear certain accoutrements made of materials which every Mohammedan religiously believed to be contaminated and contaminating. Haughty, inconsiderate militarism was deaf to those reasonable protests, and senselessly sought to stifle the discontent by the power of rigid and rigorous discipline. The result was a meeting of so many thousand of those well armed, well disciplined and thoroughly drilled and ad-

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