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How It Has Been and Will Be

COMMENTING on some stuff copied from an eastern paper, the Deseret News says: "It is certain that too much politics, particularly in local affairs, is a detriment to business. Salt Lake knows this to its cost. Our citizens should therefore be prepared to act independently of professional politicians who make politics a business, and elect a commission of capable business men next fall. They should give business a chance and watch results."

And "our citizens" may know in advance just what the News will do after that election. If the commission is made up of men, or a majority of men of the same faith that the News professes, no matter how stupid or incapable they may be, how utterly they may fail in the handling of the city's affairs, they will have the full approval of the News. If they should happen to all, or a majority of them, be real Americans, no matter what their abilities might be or how capable their management of city affairs; from the first day the News would fight them, lie about them, misstate their acts, misjudge their intentions, and exhaust every device to picture the city as given over to lawlessness, and use all its influence to prevent the city's progress. We say this because that is the character of the sheet. For forty years, while the men of its religious faith ruled here, it never uttered a criticism over any act of theirs. Though all the revenues were absorbed by the city officers; though outrages unspeakable were committed by them; though not one public improvement that can be remembered was made; the News, by its silence, endorsed everything done and left undone; condoned every sin of commission and omission on their part, and fought every proposed form of progress as though it were a public enemy. At last, when the mildew of utter impotency was settling on the place; when people were leaving by thousands; when all progress was dead; when, unrestrained, all the vices were holding undisputed sway; when crime stalked unafraid up and down the streets, the American party came into power. From the very first day the News proclaimed that the party was the enemy of the city and pictured its officers as men actuated by no desire except to plunder the city, and though, under its administration the city advanced more in wealth and population in five years than it had before in forty; though it did more in five years to drive vice and crime away than had been done in forty years of the

rule of the friends of the News, that sheet never relaxed its efforts to prejudice its work, it has scrupled at no slander, no falsehood, no denunciation, no effort to stop the transformation which has been going on, and which has changed a mildewed village into a thriving and modernly-appointed city. For more than sixty years its occupation has been to keep welded the fetters on the souls of its dupes and to picture all who would fain see Utah Americanized as enemies.

In this it has been restrained by no twinge of conscience, no regard for truth nor decency; nor the usual restraints which attach to self-respectful citizens. So it is easy to anticipate what its course will be if a commission is made the governing power of the city. If the commission is made up of its religious friends, it will endorse all that is done, all that lacks being done and should the commission steal the revenues of the city, it will condone the offense. Should the commission be composed of real, live Americans, no matter how capable it may be or how true to every righteous interest of the city; from the first day it will receive nothing but ribald abuse and blackguardism from the blackguard News.

In Mexico

AT THIS writing it looks as though the rebellion in Mexico would soon be over, but in the prospect there is not much promise of peace. The brigands are now aroused in that land and will the new government, when patched up, have the needed power to put them down? Diaz held a firm hand over them. Whenever they reared their crests, he had the crests shot off without any scruples whatever; but what will the new crowd do? And what means will they have to compel peace and establish order and security for life and property?

The most pitiable showing made there has been made by the so-called Federal army. A rebellion has been raging for nearly nine months and not one exhibition of efficient army work has been given. Either Diaz has been afraid to leave his capital uncovered, or he has been afraid to send out his army in any force, lest they lose their organization and drift into brigandage. The prospects even with a peace negotiated do not look good, and we fear that without the strong arm of the old president Mexico will show little more national cohesiveness than Nicaragua. And there are tens of thousands of Americans there and hundreds of millions of American and European money invested there which must be protected. That is what makes the outlook seem so troubled.

Of course we will all hope for the best, but it is a safe wager that the American soldiers down on the border are by thousands saying to each other daily: "Why are we not permitted to go over and fix up this business? We shall have it to do sometime; why put off?" But that is precisely what we are all hoping may never become necessary.

The Coming Coronation

THE preparations for the coronation next month are absorbing London more and more daily. They have reached the point of rehearsal now and the beautiful feature is the absorbing interest which English men and women are taking in every detail. Sometimes we think that sel-

fish people prize what they possess more than do generous ones. Old England has given more than one proof that she looks out closely for no one, but herself, but what she has is in her estimation a little better and finer than any other nation has. No other country has any such king and queen as hers; no other country has any such glorious old Abbey as hers, in which to crown a king and queen; and there must be no mistake, no hitch in the regal performance.

And all kinds of throats are practicing on the national air, so that by coronation day every voice in the little isle will be in accord to sing it. It will be splendid, too, because down beneath it all there will be a patriotism upon which there will be no taint. A patriotism that were the old isle to be assailed would make every man a hero in its defense. It is that patriotism which is the sovereign element in the English character; the one which amid all the storms of a thousand years has held the land steady and been a perpetual notice to the world outside, that to maintain the land's integrity intact every English heart is a part of her defense.

Some of us would like to witness that coronation spectacle. Not especially on account of George and Mary; that could be well counterfeited in a cheap theatre; but to be there and to listen for the whispers of those, the mighty ones, who have been sleeping there through the centuries. Of course the whispers would not be heard, but one could fancy that they were, and would not that be just as well, when we think "what shadows we are, what shadows we pursue?"

Now For Work

THESE are days when the city should be pressing its work and giving all the men possible employment; when private citizens who contemplate making improvements this year should, if they can see their way clear, begin at once; when ground should be broken for the capitol, the high school and university, for there are too many men idle here now, who need work, and the effect of this is in the air and helps to swell the cry of hard times; for there is a wireless telegraphy around and above us carrying messages from man to man on its currents, and they have direct effects on the hearts of men for good or for evil. The work of production is not slackened in the least; the mines are doing their part superbly; the fields and orchards are promising more this year than ever before; trade should be better than ever before, for more supplies are needed; if this can be supplemented with the usual improvements, the town will be filled with gladness a month hence, and people will be repeating: "There is no other place for a great city within six hundred miles in either direction."

For Better Security

TWO desperadoes broke their bonds last week and just at the hour when most people give up their work for the day and start for their homes; started on a raid of robbery and murder. That was not their first adventure of the kind. Previous successes had made them bold. They fill the description of the men who robbed the train near Ogden and killed one porter and fatally wounded another. It is better than any