

facturers' building where there is a private room for directors and exhibitors. One of the latter was entertaining a few friends informally there on Saturday, among them a distinguished visitor from New York, when the hidebound fanatic broke in with a couple of plates of hot-dogs and a lot of friends and proceeded to insult the others who had preceded him to the room. We believe it was the only unpleasant happening at the fair grounds during the entire show, but nothing more was to have been expected from an uncouth boor of the Hewlett variety. The sooner he is asked for his resignation, the greater will be the number of those applying for space in the manufacturers' building.

In the report of the committee of inquiry of the American Association of University professors on conditions at the University of Utah, we believe that the summary of findings of the committee so far as they related to the dismissals at the University, have never been published here in full, though those most interested have been afforded an opportunity of reading them through the distribution of the pamphlets containing the report. In the summary, the committee opens with the following: "Of the four charges which were given by the president of the University, as his reasons for recommending the dismissal of professors, THREE SPECIFY NO PROPER GROUNDS FOR SUCH ACTION AND THE FOURTH IS WITHOUT BASIS IN FACT. The other findings follow:

(b) The president of the University and the chairman of the board of regents by their recent action virtually gave notice that the expression by a professor, in private conversation, of an unfavorable opinion of their qualifications for office would be a ground for dismissal. This action, unjustified in general, the committee regards as peculiarly unsuitable in officials of a state university.

(c) The governing body of the University has publicly declared that in cases of serious friction between officers and teachers of the University, it is not concerned to know "who is right and who is wrong in the disagreement," but only to secure harmony by eliminating from the University those whose services it believes to be relatively less valuable. This, in the light thrown upon its practical meaning by recent action of the board, appears to the committee equivalent to a formal announcement that considerations of equity have not been, and will not be, taken account of by the board, in cases involving the relations of the president of the University and the faculty.

(d) The board has, however, given two irreconcilable versions of its attitude on March 17 towards the request for a judicial investigation of the charges. The first version is that, in view of the board's adoption of the last-mentioned principle, no investigation could alter the essential consideration upon which the board based its action; and that, in fact, the board "refused to be forced into a public or any investigation." The other version is that an opportunity for an investigation was actually afforded the professors accused, and was rejected. The committee finds that though the professors accused were invited to appear at a meeting of the board, no properly judicial investigation into the truth of the charges has ever been made either by the president or by the board of regents.

(e) The board now appears to regard either two or three of the charges as "not constituting proper grounds for terminating a professor's connection with the University." It has also received through this committee the sworn statement of the professor against whom the fourth charge was made, categorically denying the truth of the charge. The board nevertheless refuses to withdraw this charge, to present evidence in support of it, or to reopen the cases of

the professors against whom these four charges were brought.

(f) The evidence shows that, under the present administration, unverified gossip, coming from persons unwilling to assume public responsibility for their statements, has played an unfortunate part in the affairs of the University of Utah; and that Professor Knowlton was dismissed without ever being permitted to know who were his accusers, in the case of the principal charge against him.

(g) In its "Public Statement" issued on March 17 in explanation of the dismissals, the board denied the limits of freedom of speech in the University in such a way as to justify any member of the faculty in resigning forthwith.

Who says that Christianity is not steadily advancing. They are building a church close to ex-Mayor Thompson's residence, where he cannot, if at home, help hearing the prayers and the hymns. We are informed that the ex-mayor is spending more and more time up at his Cardiff mine, and his friend fear that by the time the church is completed the mine will need his presence every minute.

Samuel Shuler, of Chicago, who has been named U. S. Circuit Judge for Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, in an interview with a correspondent of the Washington Post, says that "in a straight race between Republicans and Democrats, Iowa is Republican, but if there are three tickets it will go Democratic." Query: Is a party progressive which perpetuates the domination of the Democracy?

Mr. Alshuler comes out strong for Senator Jimham Lewis for our next vice-president. This recalls an amusing incident which happened when Senator Lewis was temporarily presiding over the senate. A senator arose to question a statement made by another senator who had the floor. He was recognized by him of the pink whiskers, who asked: "Does the senator arise for the purpose of directing an interrogatory?" Having recovered his equilibrium the senator bowed that was his purpose, and fired his question. With Lewis in the vice-presidential chair the wrath of Dr. Samuel Johnson might be

seen smiling beatifically near by, and the senatorial oath of office would be taken on the Oxford Dictionary.

A recent letter of Joe Tumulty, the president's secretary, to certain Democrats in New Jersey, asking that they forego their plan to start a boom for Mr. Wilson renomination next year because the president "feels that it might seem as if he were taking advantage of the extraordinary situation now existing to gain some personal advantage through such an expression of confidence in him," must have caused the Gloomiest Gus in the Democratic party to smile in his sleeve. That same "extraordinary situation" is the one bright ray which has reached the Democracy since that party became the tail of the Wilsonian kite. Every man who has criticized the administration during the period of its diplomatic travail has been accused of lacking patriotism; every appeal to the public is based on the marvelous foreign policy of the president. It is the one great issue on which the followers of Mr. Wilson desire to go to the country in 1916. The identity of the Democratic party is merged in that of the present occupant of the White House.

SOME MILK

One of the best displays in the manufacturing department at the state fair was that of the Borden Milk company which took all of the blue ribbons in sight for its unique display and the quality of its products. The exhibit was made along the lines suggested by Eugene Owen, the intermountain representative and was more than creditable.

The only unoccupied room in the hotel—one with a private bath in connection with it—was given to the stranger from Kansas. Next morning the clerk was approached by the guest when he was ready to check out. "Well, did you have a good night's rest?" the clerk asked. "No, I didn't" replied the Kansan. "The room was all right, and the bed was pretty good, but I couldn't sleep very much, for I was afraid some one would want to take a bath, and the only door to it was through my room."—San Francisco Argonaut.

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