

named Jesse Knight. The response was immediate and overwhelming, for Mr. Knight had shown his public spirit in a hundred ways, and though immersed deeply in making money, he is willing that others shall "float upward with the tide" with him. It is idle to say he would not have cared for the office. If personally he is indifferent to political honors, he knows that an earnest and capable governor can be of vast advantage to a state, and to say he would not have cared for the place is to say he cares nothing for the state. Then, too, he has a family, and to say that he does not desire to leave to them all the honor possible, is to accuse him of lacking the highest instincts of poor human nature. And to say the high authorities of the church have not a feeling of gratitude toward him is to accuse them of utter heartlessness.

But Mr. Knight had to get down and out to make good some contracts which Mr. Smoot made in order to hold his seat in the United States Senate. We ask all candid men, be they Mormon or Gentile, whether such a political handicap ought not to be impossible in any state, and if it is not intolerable in Utah?

Well, three years ago the American party took this city out of the hands of those who had enslaved it, most of the time for well-nigh sixty years. The response was like that of a sail taking the breeze. The city began to forge ahead. It has gone on with constantly accelerating momentum ever since.

It has the best government that it has ever had, and it is increasing in material wealth faster than ever, faster than any city of its size in the world. It has doubled the value of the property of many a Mormon property owner; its business has about doubled in three years. Many people were leaving when the American party came into power; many are coming now and linking their fortunes with the city, to help build it up. And now the party is stretching out its arms to try

to break the bands from the county as it has from the city, and to gain a little recognition in the legislature. It has placed a first-class ticket in the field and solicits the votes of the people. It points to what has been accomplished in the city as an earnest of what it will do, if successful in the county. We ask all candid men and women if its claim is not a righteous one. It had its birth in a demand for an untrammelled vote and for obedience to righteous laws. Is that unreasonable?

Is it not a shame and an infamy that such a demand should ever be necessary in an American state? It ought to obtain a good many Mormon votes. The Jesse Knight incident ought to be enough to determine that church rule in Utah shall be stopped. We confidently look for a superb victory for the right in Salt Lake county in November.

The National Issues

PERHAPS the coming of all this clamor about men who may be friends of this or that candidate may exhaust itself and leave the country two or three weeks in which to calmly consider the real issues of the campaign. Not whether some gentlemen who essayed to support Mr. Taft was some years ago an attorney for the Standard Oil company, or some other gentleman who essayed to support Mr. Bryan is looking too closely after his personal fortune; but what do the chief candidates, one of whom is to be elected, stand for? No one denies that law-breakers should be punished, but when this is done the closest discrimination should be used, for there is yet some integrity left in private life, and every rich man is not invariably dishonest. Even some corporations may be doing business on the dead square and a trust is not necessarily a conspiracy to defraud. If A and B join their capital, thereby reducing expenses and giving them increased facilities, that surely is their privilege. Not until

they begin to trench upon the rights of C do they become an engine of injury. And wholesale denunciation of all, the innocent and guilty alike, coming from authoritative sources, goes away beyond the real object of attack, and the poor who toil receive the blows. Very many people believe that it was this feature which frightened capital into hiding a year ago and brought on the unnecessary crash and depression.

The trumpet and the drum are good in war; they do not expedite court proceedings. Mr. Taft has already, from the bench, made clear what he would do in that regard, were he president. Mr. Bryan has not yet outlined what his mode of procedure would be, but when he treats what the president has done as a mere beginning of what should be done, timid people look around for a cyclone cellar.

Each candidate has a financial impression, but from what both say it is hard to believe that either has fixed convictions of any way that the present most unsatisfactory currency system of the country can be placed on a strong, sure and elastic basis.

On the tariff, the words of the two candidates are not essentially different. Both demand a revision. The only way we can judge of both is to go behind their words to their beliefs, as they have in the past expressed them. Mr. Taft believes in a protective tariff. Mr. Bryan believes in a tariff for revenue only. It is the question, that has been a burning one in every campaign since before 1837. The only modification is that industries which we once called infant industries are no longer infants, and the only consideration they are entitled to is on the difference in the cost or rather the value of labor on the two shores of the Atlantic. In this connection we do not forget that the day is swiftly approaching when a new question will not only be presented to the United States, but all Europe. When

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