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## The Nations Upward Way

**F**ORTY-ONE years ago, in making a report to the International Exposition of that year in Paris, Michel Chevallier, as one of the jurors of the exposition, in his report included these words:

"The supreme authority is about to escape from western and central Europe, to pass to the New World. In the northern part of that other hemisphere offshoots of the European race have founded a vigorous society, full of sap, whose influence grows with a rapidity that has never yet been seen anywhere. In crossing the ocean it has left behind on the soil of old Europe, traditions, prejudices and usages which, as impediments heavy to move, would have embarrassed its movements and retarded its progressive march."

Those words are looked upon as prophetic now. Continuing, the great Frenchman saw in a few years a hundred millions of people on our soil, and declared that it was in vain for the occidental and central nations of Europe to make themselves a primacy against such a power.

The whole secret is found in his words, that on this side there had been "left behind the traditions, prejudices and usages which would have embarrassed the movement and retarded the progressive march." Knowing intimately the history of Europe and its awful weight of tyranny and sorrow, the fathers determined that a government should be formed which should leave every man free to do any legitimate thing; a government that kings and priests should be excluded from; in which not one check should be placed upon the free soul of every citizen; where an open field should be supplied for man to exert his utmost energy, and where the humblest might lift their eyes to grasp any honor. The wise men of the old world looked on and said the experiment might for a little while succeed, but that the system held nothing within it which could bear the shock of either a great civil or foreign war, or the test which comes when the nation gravitated into classes under the unequal fortunes of the people. It was just after the terrible civil war closed that Chevallier uttered the words spoken above; the supreme test had been tried, and the Republic had emerged stronger than ever, and the lesson was given for the nations to read, that men fight for a free native land with a valor that kings can never bring to their support.

The class test has not yet been tried, but it will have the same result, though the incoming hordes from southern Europe may put off somewhat the final triumph for the right. Many biatherskites are talking, some are writing; the air is filled with isms; every journeyman statesman has a remedy for all wrongs; but they perish even as they begin to expand, and what awakens apprehension this year will be a theme for jesting next, for the old traditions, prejudices, usages and superstitions which would embarrass the movements and retard the onward progressive march of the Great Republic to its final splendor were all left behind on the soil of Europe, and they will not bear transplanting in a soil where blazes the full sunlight of individual freedom and where eternal justice has builded a throne.

## The Menace Will Be Shattered

**T**HE Deseret News thinks it doubtful whether were Apostle Smoot to resign his senatorship that sacrifice would bring peace to Utah. What an oblivious creature the News can be when it tries. Were Apostle Smoot to resign his senatorship it would have no effect, if he, under the first presidency of the dominant church, were to remain Utah's supreme political boss. If he were still able to come up from Provo, as he did four years ago, and say to Governor Wells, "You must pull out. John C. Cutler is to be the candidate for Governor this year;" as he did a few weeks ago, on his arrival here; "You must inform Governor Cutler that he must get off the track. I have promised the governorship this year to Brother Spry."

There will never be any peace in Utah while that kind of work is going on, or while President Smith mixes with his benediction at conference, in the tabernacle, an insidious direction to the people to vote for the candidates of a certain ticket. The Mormon church must get out of politics before there can be peace in Utah. And it is in danger every day that it puts off that act of justice to its people. When the News says the church is not and never has been in politics, it may fool some Gentiles, but not one Mormon; every one knows that it is lying, and if it is persisted in, some morning this honest people will rise up and repudiate the falsehood and hypocrisy and tyranny of the whole stupid business.

The mass of the Mormon people want to be Americans in truth; they want to see their children have an even chance with other American children of every state; and, by and by, unless this is granted them, they will rise up and demand it in a tone that will shake the church to its foundations.

Thirty-seven years ago, in the Spanish Cortes, Emilio Castelar, struggling under very much such a problem as confronts the Mormons of Utah, said:

"Europe has to decide whether she will confound herself with Asia, placing upon her lands old altars, and upon the altars old idols, and upon the altars immovable theocracies, or whether she will go by labor, by liberty, and by the republic to collaborate with America in the grand work of universal civilization."

That is precisely the problem that confronts the Mormon people. The rule over them is as despotic as was Solomon's; it is a perpetual drain upon their resources, save with a few families there is no chance for promotion for their children; they are bound to old Asiatic altars, on those altars are old idols, and upon those idols is an immovable theocracy that has the arrogance to assume that it can some time bring this Republic under its iron grasp. It is a dangerous business in this land, in this late day of the world, for some time the Mormon people will feel the scales fall from their eyes and they will realize how they have been bled and bulldozed and tyrannized over. In that same speech, Castelar said: "America, and especially Saxon America, with its immense virgin territory, with its republic, with its equilibrium between stability and progress, with its harmony between liberty and democracy, is the continent of the future—the immense continent, stretched by God between

the Atlantic and the Pacific, where mankind may plant, essay and resolve all social problems."

Joseph F. Smith and Reed Smoot and the rest had better read those words and take their church out of politics, because if they do not, either the Mormon people will cause it to come tumbling around them, or the great Republic, seeing the menace of it in its path, will crush it to atoms.

## Vote the American County Ticket

**I**T seems to us that all true men who were here when the persecution of Chief Sheets was on, remembering that it was instigated and pressed, at vast expense to the county, by the sheriff and county attorney, would naturally determine to vote the American county ticket.

In truth, the county and city governments ought to have been consolidated years ago. As it is, the separate governments now make clear the difference between the city and the county governments.

In the city it is all life and progress; the moment the county government begins, then all progress ceases. Can anyone tell what the county officers do with the revenue they collect? What improvements can be pointed out? How are the county roads?

Sheriff Emery is much exercised over the immorality of Salt Lake City. How are things under his especial care in the county outside? What about Bingham Canyon? It would be natural were the improvements going on in this city to overflow a little to the outside, but is there a sign to show for it?

This city is especially interested in its water supply, and the men who control the city should have full control of the water that comes into the city.

The five hundred automobiles and the innumerable buggies and carriages in the city should have good roads north, west and south to run over. How much has the county done to secure such roads? The farmers, who bring in supplies, should have good roads. Have they not waited forty years in vain for them?

Is not the present city government of Salt Lake an object lesson to be imitated in the county? County property owners will throw off on themselves if they do not vote the American county ticket.

## A Solemn Farce

**S**ENATOR BEVERIDGE of Indiana "opened the Republican campaign" in a speech in the Theater on Monday night. He spoke as though he thought he was in an American state, as though there was no such thing as foreordination in Utah politics, and as though possibly some erring soul might be converted by his eloquence. He does not know how to do things in Utah, or how more can be done for a party here in some simple words attached to a benediction than could seven senators, if there were that number, from Indiana. The man who suggested the coming of the distinguished orator to Utah must have heard of the youth that asked Mark Twain to try, in his lecture, to arouse his aged father—who sat under the footlights—from a set of 1909 on the model of 1809, and in statesman-