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So Much Work Ahead

THERE will be much public work for the people here, and especially the Commercial Club, to put through this next few months. A big struggle must be made to fix permanent headquarters for the mining congress in this city. For three years Denver has acted as though it cared nothing for it, but when the effort shall be made to withdraw its headquarters from that city Denver will wake up and make extravagant offers to retain it. It ought to come here, for this is the mining center, while Denver at best merely flanks the great mining section; but Denver is a fighter when any advantage is to be gained, and unless Salt Lake prepares to make a better showing than Denver can, this city will lose the congress.

Then the hosts of the Grand Army of the Republic will be here next summer, and they must be received and entertained in such a way that when they go away each unit of the host will be an advertising agent for Salt Lake and Utah. It is a big undertaking to receive and entertain that army, but it will be worth all that it will cost and much more. Their faltering and solemn march ought to be such an object lesson as will impress this people as they have never been impressed, for they will represent the skeleton of that other host, that in the strength of their young manhood held native land as dear enough to die for if need be, and so "they went rolling on the foe, and burning with high hopes," but only a part returned; the others "lie mouldering, cold and low." It will be Salt Lake and Utah's duty to steady the faltering steps of the veterans that will come. Their long march is almost ended; final taps and the silence is just beyond them.

The Dry Farmers' congress is another thing to prepare for, and as yet the public does not half appreciate its importance. A gentleman from Montana was talking here last week and we heard him say: "The farmers in that beautiful chain of valleys east of Butte, those valleys that run down to and merge with Yellowstone valley, had about broke themselves trying to bring water upon their lands to irrigate them. Last autumn they determined to give dry farming a trial; they ploughed and planted their crops, and this year they have harvested about the biggest crop on record."

Anyone who saw the products of dry farming at the late state fair must have obtained an impression of its possibilities, and the amount of land in this state that can be cultivated that way exceeds tenfold all that can ever be irrigated.

Then there is a vast amount of local work to see to. On Monday last the trains on a new railroad west began to move. That means that toward the close of next year there will be a new through road, running its trains from this city to San Francisco bay. These next twelve months will be great months for Salt Lake.

As An Evangelist

THE appeal of the clergymen to Mr. Bryan to drop politics and become an evangelist has only good thoughts behind it. Saul was knocked out before the true light came to him, and then he made a greater name than he ever could have made as a lawyer and politician, or as an ordinary rabbi. The world is filled with examples of men who might have made far higher

names as evangelists than they won in other fields. The field of the evangelist gives the orator finer opportunities than any other. Lord Beaconsfield made for himself a great name as an orator, a writer and a statesman, but we are not certain that had his mind led him into the church he might have won even greater laurels than he did along the stormy paths he trod. His apostrophe to Jerusalem is a wonderful specimen of inspired genius. Just listen to this: "The moon has sunk behind the Mount of Olives, and the stars in the darker sky shine doubly bright over the sacred earth. The all-pervading stillness is broken by a breeze, that seems to have traveled over the plains of Sharon from the sea. It wails among the tombs and sighs among the cypress groves. The palm tree trembles as it passes, as if it was a spirit of woe. Is it the breeze that has traveled over the plain of Sharon from the sea? Or is it the haunting voice of prophets mourning over the city that they could not save? Their spirits surely would linger on the land where their Creator had deigned to dwell and over whose impending fall Omnipotence had shed human tears from the mount. Who can but believe that, at the midnight hour, from the summit of the Ascension, the great departed of Israel assemble to gaze upon the battlements of their mystic city? There might be countless heroes and sages, who need shrink from no rivalry with the brightest and wisest of other lands; but the lawgiver of the time of the Pharaohs, whose laws are still obeyed; the monarch whose reign has closed for three thousand years, but whose wisdom is a proverb in all nations of the earth; the teacher, whose doctrines have modeled civilized Europe—the greatest of legislators, the greatest of administrators, and the greatest of reformers—what race, extinct or living can produce three such men as these?"

Mr. Bryan has dreams of rendering great services to his country and his fellow men. Suppose he were to decide to make his fellow men better by portraying to them a higher life than this one here, who knows but it would be a greater service than he could render were all his political hopes to be some time realized. He is a Christian gentleman; he has been given extraordinary gifts. As an evangelist he would have the ear of the world every day; he might bring his countrymen back to a deeper faith in God, to a more profound respect for human laws, and link heaven and earth closer together in the souls of men. It is an altogether lofty idea.

When Congress Meets

CONGRESS will meet in a few days. We look for some stirring times this winter. The Democratic members will be quiet until a chance word, or maybe a taunt, awakens them. It is quite possible that something in the president's message may arouse them, for the president is impulsive; a strong emotion is enough to set him going, and it will be just like him to forget that under a quiet exterior the Democrats will have a savage feeling this winter. They expected a victory up to the last week of the campaign, and they have waited a good while. We do not expect much legislation of value this winter. It will require a good deal of work to pass the needed appropriation bills. The Panama canal will

come in for a raking; the new battleships will be held up as failures on the strength of criticisms already published; the growing deficit will be magnified; gross extravagance will be charged, and new legislation will be fought. The busy days before the 4th of March will be mostly frittered away, for there will be more bad temper displayed than has been seen for twelve years past. The congress that will convene on the 4th of March will have a summer's work before it, for with the unfinished business and the tariff to revise there will be work for months on hand.

It Will Be All Right

THE American party was beaten last week, but it was only a temporary defeat, and Salt Lake is left to show what the American party's work is and has been. It has been transformed in three years; transformed from a sleepy and uncertain village to a roaring city. Its business has doubled; its real estate has advanced certainly 30, probably 50 per cent; in the business section certainly more than 50 per cent. All its methods have changed; the money paid into the treasury has been spent on the city instead of, as in the old days it was all absorbed by the officers. There are landmarks on every side to show what has been done. It is reaching out for more improvements; more and more people are coming here to make their homes; the population has increased 50 per cent, if not 62½; the safety of the city against fire has been vastly increased; the sanitary conditions of the city have been vastly improved, and the utmost demand of the party has been that the people in the city, in consideration of the blessings extended to them, shall simply obey the laws.

A great many Mormons are shocked at the means taken to carry the late election and thousands of them are glad it was not a city election, and that the results cannot possibly cause the city to revert to the old rule; for they were here through all the long forty years of church rule, when enterprise was dead, when progress was shattered at every point and every improvement proposed was fought to a standstill, and the little village drifted on simply because of its location and not by any effort of those in control to make it a city.

Utah will have to be an American state after a while, a real American state, a state in which a young Mormon that does not belong to the higher families will have a right to hope that if he has the brain and the perseverance he may attain to honors and to fortune without leaning upon the sovereign power that sits here, simply struggling to make a state where the people shall be composed of a few of those in power, the masses the servile followers of the few.

There is nothing to lose hope on; it is going to be all right, and the biggest mistake the dominant church has made in the last twenty years was when it threw off its disguises and forced its people to vote against their will.

The Case of Foo Duck

ONE Foo Duck, a Chinese American, 31 years of age, was up for deportation in Montana recently. He was ordered deported by the United States commissioner at Missoula, Mont.