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## As to Politics

BY the probable absorption of the Democratic organ, by the expected moneyed re-inforcement of the finances of the so-called Republican party, and by the intermittent howls for a "pure" citizens' ticket, it seems most probable that a concentrated effort is going to be made in this city this autumn, to defeat the American party ticket. The preparations being made are decidedly complimentary to the American party, for they are in themselves a confession that to its enemies it looks like a big undertaking to down the party of progress and the righteous rule of necessary laws. Our belief is that the opposition are right in believing that something strenuous will be required on their part in order to win. Their weapons heretofore have been defamation, a desire for harmony and Munchausen promises of what they would do if only given the chance. Will they improve upon that program this year? They have failed thus far because their defamations have been boomerangs; their plea for harmony has been still-born because in their three-ring circus they have had nothing to show but the same old spavined acrobats, the same clowns, and the same old ring-master who does business mostly near the corner of State and South Temple streets. Then in their zoo, nearly all the game animals are absent, only the monkey cages are enlarged, which leaves it in a condition which does not please even the children.

By the press consolidation it is hard to see what new strength will be added except possibly in the bank account, because the stream cannot rise higher than its source, and the moral efforts of the old regime culminated when last year its congenial black-malling threats brought the beer and the red-liquor men into line with many votes and a heavy re-inforcement of the exchequer which, together with efforts of our holy church wrking on the county yahoos, carried the county and enabled the two old county commissioners, which were a majority, to show their appreciation of the Smoot organ, by robbing the county treasury to reward it.

Meanwhile on every street and alley new buildings, most of them superb ones, are going up, with the building, real estate is advancing; with all the buildings there are no modern houses to rent; and when the opposition this year goes out and claims support on the score of adding to the progress and prosperity of the city and its citizens, that will be a direct slap at the most sensitive portion of poor mortality, his pocket, and the natural response will be "Show me!" And what can they show? What they would do if in power can only be judged by what they have heretofore done when in power, and what those in charge of the county finances are doing now, and will either make votes?

Suppose the Democrats had carried the county election last fall, that so soon as the new commissioners had been installed, they had made the Herald a present of some \$5,000, and then, after waiting a few months, had raised the county taxes to make good the deficit, with what grace would they now be asking the people for a vote of confidence. Two years before the American party came into power, there was an election in which a so-called Democrat was elected mayor,

but a majority of the council were supposed to be Republicans, so-called. But among the Democrats elected was one Fernstrom. As soon as the new government was installed Mr. Fernstrom, as one "holding the keys," told what must be, and enough of those so-called Republican councilmen to give Fernie a majority ranged themselves directly under Fernie's banner to control the vote for two years. Now Fernie will, if he lives, be re-elected again this year. Are our friends the enemy preparing to repeat that little drama, without change of scene, for two years to come?

When that program is posted on the billboards, what are the men who have the welfare of this city at heart going to do?

No wonder the opposition realize that if they win they will know that they have been in a fight.

Gentlemen, this city and this state have been dedicated to the rule of liberty under the law. That will have to be sometime, the longer it may be put off the more humiliating will be the surrender. Why not get in line now. Why not give to the church what belongs to the church, but to the state what is the state's of right, and cease beating your heads against the stone wall of an impossibility?

## Don't Discount Our Senator

THE New York Nation cannot get over the high tariff proposed on picture postal cards. It declares that the tariff has a deadening mental effect, as it prevents the best in us from being called out to meet the world's competition; makes us cling to antiquated machinery and obsolete mills. We think it would worry the Nation to prove that. The tariff incites the building of new mills, and at once the competition becomes so sharp, not with the old world, but among Americans, that the article in reduced, often below the lowest prices in the older countries. The general effect has been to reduce, within four years, the price to Americans of every article that had been permitted to come in free.

But it is on German picture postal cards that the Nation is especially sore. In point of fact, we suspect that Americans cannot compete in their manufacture against Germany. For years Germany has had artisans who have been brought up from childhood to do a certain thing. In a hardware store in this city a knife, made in Germany, is for sale, on the handle of which a picture of Saltair beach is beautifully engraved. Some things are too small to be competed against. Then American merchants are not alert in that way. Some German tourist probably bought a picture of Saltair beach and pavilion and took it home. There an engraver got hold of it, an engraver employed by some cutlery manufactory, and made the engraving, reducing it to the needed size for the handle of a pocket knife. Then it was sent to Salt Lake for sale. But the Nation, full of its idea, says, regarding the failure of Americans, through the tariff, to compete with foreigners: "It certainly can never have a more shameful, if petty, illustration than in this admission in the Senate that the Germans can beat us in making souvenir cards in Smoot's own Salt Lake City, unless we tax them 300 per cent."

Now, why should the Nation use language to

convey the idea that a principal possession of Senator Smoot is Salt Lake City? Of course, the Senator owns Salt Lake City. More than once he has come up here and put it in his vest pocket, and with it the governor, the state officers and the Federal bunch. But why limit him to Salt Lake City? Does he not in the same way own Utah and Wyoming, and almost a controlling interest in Colorado and Nevada; Then, too, two years ago he had the fee simple of a Senator in Illinois, letters patent on another in Indiana, a possessory claim on one in Pennsylvania, and a heavy lien on the President of the United States. Why seek to discount the value of the Senator's possessions? A week ago it would have been fair to say he likewise owned the good will of a great journal here, but he must have dropped upon the fact that its good will was something, through which he could make reputation if not money by giving away. Dumas made Monte Cristo declare: "The world is mine." And Monte had only \$80,000,000, while Senator Smoot's possessions take in the governments of half a dozen states.

Don't discount our Senator.

## Secretary Wilson

THE discussion of the tariff question, the wrangle over the insistence that Americans should be permitted to subscribe a part of the Chinese loan; the disturbed exchanges in silver countries, and many other things lead us to believe that the mining interests of the country, east and west, should have a representative in the President's cabinet. There has been a vast amount of time wasted in Congress during the past six weeks in discussing the right thing to do with the tariff on iron and steel. Had there been a capable secretary of mining in the cabinet he could have supplied congressmen with exact tables of the cost of both, including the mining, transportation, smelting—everything pertaining to them. It would have been the same way with gold, silver, copper and lead. When we say a capable secretary, we mean one who would be to the mining department what Secretary Wilson is to the Agricultural Department. He today is the most valuable officer in the United States. He has done more for agriculture than had been done for it before his coming for a hundred years. Besides the direct material results, he has advanced agriculture and horticulture to a position which makes their study and practice the chosen profession of thousands of people who, twenty years ago, looked upon the tilling of the soil as altogether plebeian. Here are some of his achievements as penned by a friend of his: "He has experiment stations finding out how to make dry farming pay where there is only ten inches of moisture a year; and they are finding it out, too. He brought the durum (macaroni) wheat from North Africa, and in the regions formerly too dry to be cultivable, it has added millions of bushels to our annual wheat crop. He sent to Siberia, and there, far up in the north, found alfalfas that seem to need neither moisture nor warmth to develop good pasture.

"He bought the finest Cuban tobacco, tested it and analyzed the soil in which it grew, got detailed reports of the climatic conditions it required—and then hunted up the same climate and