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every suggested improvement, even to the sprinkling of the streets?

Do the Saints forget that with the first year's rule of the city by the old Liberal party, the death rate fell off more than 60 per cent? Did it ever advocate an improvement in the schools, in the police or fire departments, or the putting of the city under sanitary restrictions, or the getting of an increased water supply?

Let honest Saints look back and try to find one number of their organ which shows a sincere interest in the welfare of the Mormon people, and if they can, we will herald it as an unexpected curiosity. Of course, it advised them to go to the penitentiary rather than obey the laws; it advised them practically to lose their memories when called upon to testify; it day after day, month after month and year after year, assured them that the Gentiles in their midst had no higher desire than to rob them, but get the files and read them carefully and then answer, has it not been the greatest enemy that the Saints ever had in Utah?

Fort Douglas

WHILE here President Taft visited Fort Douglas in daylight and was the guest of honor at a superb banquet given by the officers of the post in the evening. He saw the natural position of the post, its surroundings and breathed the air which is one of Utah's greatest assets. He must, too, have made a passing note of the situation of the post geographically, and its relations to the rest of this western country. He came here from the east, went north from here five hundred miles and then turned west, and it must have been made clear to him that from this point, troops could be in an emergency sent swiftly to any portion of a territory a thousand miles in diameter and covering an area of nearly one-third of the Republic outside of Alaska.

Again until new arrangements shall have been made, the soldiers of the army stationed in the Philippines are relieved every three years and returned to the United States. They come debilitated by their long residence in the humid and miasmatic air of the tropical islands, and need more than anything else a rest in a high altitude of a region semi-arid.

For this no other army post in the Republic compares with Fort Douglas. Then, Fort Douglas is in a valley where everything needed in the way of food is produced—the meats, the vegetables, the cereals and the fruits. Again the post is only half an hour's ride from a city which has every facility in the way of churches, schools, hospitals, libraries, and places of trade and amusement.

Why, then, should not Camp Douglas be made a brigade post? What place of equal advantages can be found? What other army post in the nation so well deserves the attention of the government?

Five or six years ago an appropriation of \$1,

100,000 was made by congress to rebuild the dilapidated post quarters and to introduce some much needed improvements, such as electric lights, a better handling of the water, etc., but by sharp practice, Senator Warren of Wyoming drew away most of that appropriation and had it expended on Fort Russel at Cheyenne.

Under this state of facts, we believe that a bill to make Douglas a brigade post would meet the approval of the President and would not be antagonized by congress, and that if our representatives in congress will introduce the measure and be prepared to reinforce the proposal by the facts, which make Douglas the most appropriate place for such a post, the bill will carry.

"Help Me, Cassius, or I Sink"

THE NEWS tearfully cries out that if all the good people do not join and vote a solid ticket there is great danger that the American party will be continued in power, and does not seem to note that if that is true, then a possible majority is already satisfied with the way things are moving along. This only shows that sometimes when the News is off its guard, it comes very near telling the truth.

When a few lesser priests started the cry for a citizens ticket, a few weeks ago, it was reasonably clear what was coming. It was an indirect notice to the Republican leaders that they were not in good odor with the powers that be, and this year they must not try to lead, but must ally their forces with those who would assume to drop politics this year and for the salvation of the city make no demand save that candidates should be without guile. At the same time they had no idea of neglecting to see that the candidates would obey counsel.

It is said that sometimes when a great freshet sweeps a country all kinds of harmless and fierce animals may be seen floating down on the same log. The timid ones in the presence of the greater terror lose their fear of the fierce beasts next them, and savage ones under the same overwhelming terror lose for the time being their ferocity.

There seems to be a freshet in the camps of the so-called citizens and so-called Republican parties, and they are on the same log.

It would be ungenerous to name who are sitting side by side on that log, neither of whom is considering what kind of company he is in. But what a photograph they all would make.

They are all clinging to the log and not one of them knows where he is going to land, but not one dares to try to swim ashore.

And the flood is bearing them on and on.

As usual, the plan is a sorry bungle. There are some self-respecting Republicans who feel squirmish when called upon to support a ticket which has the full endorsement of the Deseret News and Councilman Fernstrom, and they are asking themselves what element of progress or common honesty can be found in a movement engineered by such a company.

And there is many a Mormon who sees through the whole business, who is asking himself what kind of a religion it must be that relies upon such methods, in order to keep in power. And how such Republicans and such Mormons will vote on election day, is what makes the News tearfully proclaim that it must be or our cause is lost.

Meanwhile the American party, confident that the right must prevail, asking no alliances, but, pointing to its record, calls upon all real Americans to come under its standard and swell the triumphal, forward march of the city on American lines.

And they have full confidence that a full majority of the people are with them, and that there

is to be no halt, no backward step in the progress of the city.

And why should they not be hopeful? Compare Salt Lake City today with the Salt Lake City of four years ago, after the power that seeks a vote of confidence now had ruled and robbed Salt Lake for well nigh half a century.

That is an object lesson that the dullest can understand and that is what makes the disquiet of the News and causes it to shriek to the people which for half a century it has helped to enslave, to obey once more or the city will be lost? The News nowadays, except for its shameful past, would be an object of pity.

Recreation of San Francisco

PEOPLE who have recently visited San Francisco agree that the work performed there since the earthquake and fire has been without a parallel in the history of cities; that not even Chicago's rising from the ashes of her great fire equals it. Chicago was in the heart of the great producing section of the Republic, her lines of communication were all established and the volume of commerce flowing through the city to a market, and the people who looked for supplies to Chicago were increasing every year in more than arithmetical progression. San Francisco was on the western sea shore, two cities to the north were seeking to rival her, and drawing from her the trade of their respective states; both claimed shorter routes between New York and London and the Orient, and one city to the south was taking from her half the trade of California. But she has restored to herself her old place as the Queen City of the Pacific, and emerges, as it were, from the grave, fairer than when the winding sheet of ashes was wrapped around her. The vantage points in her favor were her harbor, her climate, which never stops work, summer or winter, her prestige and the old invincible spirit, which, as far back as 1849, learned to defy and discount misfortune. Behind all those things was the knowledge that California is to the United States what beautiful France is to Europe, and that when her fields shall be cultivated as they will be a few years hence, and her manufactures shall be completed, she will be an empire in herself and the joyous home of millions of people.

Hers has been a romantic history. From a sleepy village she all at once, on the discovery of the California placers became a capital for commerce. If, as the placers gave out, she was halted a little in her course, the Nevada discoveries re-awakened her and a new city was built. This was reinforced by her own quartz mines and the tilling of more of her soil. Then come the completion of the road that placed her within a week's travel to New York, and opened a new route to the Orient, and her progress was steady for more than thirty years. Then come her day of sorrow, but she has emerged from that and smilingly looks the future in the face, confident that it is to bring her more wealth and new triumphs along a hundred lines. And the whole country rejoices in her rehabilitation, and to those who learned to love her in the long ago her transformation is a cause for profound rejoicing.

Americanize the Church

IT seems clear that the church authorities are good deal disappointed and more or less apprehensive over the late conference. The truth is that thousands of Mormons are growing to be real Americans. The moral is: Better Americanize the Mormon church. Let the church get out of politics! Give up this claim that the church (or which is the same thing, the president and apostles) have a right to instruct the Mormon people how to vote. Give it up and the church will be stronger, cling to it and by and by, and