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Tribune Ready to Flop

The "American" party in Salt Lake City is soon to be left without a newspaper organ; that is, if the Tribune owners carry out their present design, which no doubt they will, in part, at least. The part that may be regarded as settled upon is the desertion of the "American" party by the Tribune.

You members of the "American" party who lay claim to a fair amount of decency, Truth gives you this tip, that you may get in out of the wet before being thoroughly soaked. You know that in the past Truth's tips have been absolutely on the square and this one is perfectly in line.

We will give a few reasons and facts, some of which you are unacquainted with, and others you may readily recognize as within your own recent observation.

The Tribune will, in the near future, if, indeed it has not already done so before this paper comes from the printer's hands, make a proposition to leaders of the Mormon church tending toward peace. If the proposition is accepted, that paper will cease abruptly its campaign of slander and abuse. This may seem a startling statement, in view of the depths to which the sheet has descended; but the statement rests upon substantial facts.

The Tribune will not ask the church to do much; in fact, all it wants is an excuse to flop over into the republican ranks. It is looking for an easy spot to alight upon, and if possible to claim that the Tribune has accomplished its mission of reform.

You know that Frank Cannon marched the Tribune shoulder to shoulder with the democratic party, and even under its protecting aegis. But its owners now realize that all the prestige the Tribune ever won was when it was the representative in this state of the republican party nationally; therefore they want to get it back there. Frank Cannon has not done any writing on the Tribune for months, and is not likely ever to write for it again. He is a physical wreck, and is out of the state; it is said he is in a sanitarium in Wisconsin. Old Grouch Nelson is not equal

to the occasion of editing a newspaper; in fact, like his twin fossiliferous relic, Goodwin, he is very much a by-gone.

The readers of Truth will recognize readily some further reasons why the Tribune wants peace. They may recall the statement that Kearns intends to leave Utah, and take up his residence in California, his wife having decided to remain there. It may also be understood that of late Kearns and Keith have lost a large number of their financial friends; Willard Snyder, Frank Knox, Mayor Thompson, Gus Holmes and Jack Lynch have parted company with the unsavory pair. There are others, and the breach is wide.

The Silver King mine, too, is merged with the Heinze interests in this State, and a large smelter is to be built. Heinze doubtless will assume control of the new concern, placing Kearns and Keith on the retired list. Kearns has not much of an income since the bottom fell out of the original Silver King mine, and cannot afford to run the Tribune long at a loss. He knows that his paper is in a bad condition, and cannot survive long unless it changes front. The "American" party is on the rocks, and cannot possibly last more than another campaign, even with the support of the Tribune.

Tom doesn't want his paper to go down with the "American" party. He wants to save something for himself out of the wreck. He can see now where the Tribune has drifted to. He sees that Cannon, being a democrat and some harder things as well, took it clear out of the republican ranks and committed it to democratic policies. Through it, President Roosevelt and leading United States Senators were assailed, and called traitors, bribetakers, and almost everything vile. The few subscribers which the Tribune has left are mainly of the republican faith, and cannot be switched into the democratic ranks. A presidential campaign will be on shortly, and the Tribune will be forced to take sides between the national parties. The place it occupied for more than a score of years,

as mouthpiece of the national republican party for this intermountain region, is now filled by the Intermountain Republican. The Tribune cannot get in line to advantage without making peace with Senators Smoot and Sutherland and Republican National Committeeman, Col. Ed. Loose.

Kearns has been forced at last to recognize the situation as it is today. That is why he wants to flop the Tribune to where it may have a chance to do him some good. And so he puts the "American" party "up against it," because of his own dire necessity.

Will the leaders of the Mormon church purchase peace by accepting the Tribune's proposition? They can have it modified about as they please, if they will only grant the Tribune enough concessions to "save its face." Truth does not pretend to know what those leaders will do; indeed, they may not have concluded for themselves. But it does know the substance and aim of the Tribune's intended first proposition as a basis on which to stop the fight, and therefore notifies readers what is afoot.

TRUTHS.

The State Supreme Court of Tennessee has declared the anti-race gambling law passed by the last legislature to be constitutional. This means that its all off with the races at Memphis and Nashville.

Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, wife of the Democratic leader, is an enthusiastic sportswoman, rides a wheel, is a strong swimmer, a splendid walker and handles horses with ease. We wonder if she can out-talk the Nebraska orator.

Faro, who defeated Young Arnold in four rounds, Kid Bennett of Cripple Creek in one round, and Clem Groves of Pocatello in three rounds, is looking for a scrap in Utah. Guess he can be accommodated.

THE GREAT CASE IN IDAHO.

No case that ever occupied the attention of a local court was more widely watched and more studiously considered than the above. The proceedings against the Western Federation of Miners with Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone as the personalities, outgrew its legal environments long

before it came to trial, and the developments which the hearing makes every day are eagerly looked for and carefully considered throughout the world. The greater jury outside the court room, outside the State of Idaho and even outside the United States will render a verdict perhaps ahead of those who hold within their hands the lives of one of the individuals named, and it is quite possible if not likely that the verdicts will not agree as to the general or any particular issue. This kind of thing has often been the case and it goes to show the "circumscription and confine" which hedge in the courts and their methods of induction and analysis in a way not to be mistaken. Nor is this a calamity or something to be regretted. We all know what the trial of a person, accused, with some apparent reason, of a heinous crime, by a rabble or even a tolerably orderly multitude, would be; we have the first great exemplar as a victim of such proceedings always before us with the shouts of "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" Still echoing down the corridors of time. The restrictions and limitations of the law, administered by capable and judicious men, are among our best and most needful safe-guards.

As previously hinted at, the trend at this writing is toward acquittal of the accused, Haywood. That he is not innocent seems to us so plain a matter as to make discussion useless; but that sufficient guilt has been or will be shown to justify the jury in finding a verdict to that effect when the penalty is death is another matter. Of course he did not directly participate in the brutal assassination of Governor Steunenberg; it was never thought that he did, or that he was anything more than an accomplice before the fact or principal in the first degree with the backing and approval of his organization, which if true would make him and all concerned with him viler murderers than Orchard if such a thing were possible. The establishment beyond a legal or reasonable doubt of a chain of circumstances directly connecting the co-conactors of a crime with its consummation, when all distances are measured beforehand and all steps are covered as far as possible, is one of the most difficult tasks with which prosecuting officers have to do, especially when, as in the present case, the defense