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movement up there. The suggestion of Mr. Scowcroft as the Democratic candidate for governor came from Salt Lake county. It is said that when the merchant was running against Glasmann for mayor of Ogden, Glasmann on the Republican and Scowcroft on the Democratic ticket, Scowcroft's friends passed out the word that he was a better Republican than Glasmann, since Scowcroft had voted twice for McKinley while Glasmann voted only once that way. Since the subsequent snowslide under which the Ogden Democrats helped to bury Scowcroft, that gentleman has not been in the running much so far as favors from the Democrats party are concerned.

The Progressives in Idaho are opposed to a third ticket in that state, feeling that it would weaken the cause by naming a candidate for each office on the ticket. They are for Roosevelt strong, but the state and county tickets are said to be another matter. A big point is involved here and one that must not be hastily decided in any state. A thorough sounding of the sentiment in the Progressive party is necessary to the proper solution of the question that confronts the people. If the people want a third ticket they should get it. If they don't they should say so.

Any candidate in any party who wishes to let the people know that he is a candidate is perfectly welcome to state his case in these columns.

The Utah delegates to the Progressive convention at Chicago left Thursday, joining the California delegation which traveled by special train. There were about ten from this state and they will be heard at the Windy City. Illness in the family of Moroni Heiner prevented his attendance. His proxy as national committeeman is carried by N. A. Robertson, a well known attorney.

The call for the Republican state convention to be held at the Salt Lake theatre Sept. 5 provides for 630 delegates of which Salt Lake county gets 205. The state committee will meet the day before to make the usual motions and prepare for the "rattle of dry bones."

For fear that any one has forgotten M. M. Bush's candidacy for congress, let them be reminded that a certain member of the judiciary here is under obligation to turn over the entire Salt Lake county delegation to the Tooele gentleman.

"The wicked cease from troubling in heaven."

"Yes, but will the good be as tire-some?"

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NOT least of Britain's social problems is the increase of the feeble minded. There are already more than 150,000, a majority of whom drift in and out of the work-houses and prisons, unable to support themselves or to live decently, and Prof. C. G. Crosley states that nearly half are now in need of special care and control. Their birth rate averages seven per marriage, that of normal families being only four. It is urged that such persons as endanger society be placed under state control in suitable colonies, where agriculture and other work would make them comfortable and self-supporting.

German chemists are reported to have succeeded in utilizing fibrous animal refuse—such as the flesh of dead horses—for making artificial silk. Treatment with acids disintegrates the flesh into its ultimate fibers, and these are given a silky appearance, with great durability, by a kind of tanning process. The threads produced greatly resemble those of the wild silkworm, are about two inches long. They may be vulcanized like true silk, and can be made airtight and water tight by immersion for a couple of hours in a caustic bath under a pressure of four atmospheres. The material seems to promise something cheaper than silk for balloon envelopes, insulation, etc., though attempts have not yet been successful.

Medical authorities now claim that "writer's cramp" and other similar states of apparent muscular paralysis are actually due, not to the tiring of the muscles but to brain fag. It appears that the particular part of the brain which controls special combinations of muscle action, such as the movements of writing or the working of a telegraph key, tends to become more quickly exhausted in some individuals than in others. Such exhaustion leads to a state in which the brain is actually unable to send out its necessary messages to the hands and fingers to write, tap a key, hold a violin bow, etc. Furthermore, once the nerve cells, the "batteries" of the brain, get thoroughly run down it is not easy to restore their energy. Heretofore it has been supposed that all troubles of the kind were due simply to overtiring of the muscles concerned.

M. Nordmann of the observatory of Paris has made some interesting calculations of the intrinsic light of a number of stars, based on the results he had previously attained in regard to their effective temperatures. The brightness of a star, as seen from the earth, does not depend wholly upon its size and distance. Thus M. Nordmann finds that Sirius and Vega emit light, the brightness of which is 6,000,000 cp. per square centimeter, while at the other end of the scale the light of Aldebaran amounts to only 23,000 cp. per square centimeter. The intrinsic brightness of Vega is,

according to this calculation, nineteen times that of the sun. If Vega were of the same size as Aldebaran and at the same distance from the earth, the former would appear to us over 200 times as bright as the latter.

A new instance of supposed connection of the moon with rainfall claims the support of highly scientific authority. Heavy rains are said to occur in South Africa at intervals of nineteen years, and this period coincides with the lunar cycle of maximum north and south declinations. E. E. Nevill, late director of the Natal observatory, finds an explanation in the moon's attraction. The theory is that a permanent cloud belt is drawn along by the moon, and that as the moon nears its farthest point north the mass of clouds is made to impinge on the mountains in Natal, giving excessive rainfall.

Eleven skeletons of primitive men, with foreheads sloping directly back from the eyes, and with two rows of teeth in the front of the upper jaw, have been uncovered at Craigshill, at Ellensburg, Wash. They were found about twenty feet below the surface, twenty feet back from the face of the slope, in a cement rock formation over which was a layer of shale. The rock was perfectly dry. The jaw bones, which easily break, are so large that they will go around the face of the man of today. The other bones are also much larger than those of the ordinary man. The femur is twenty inches long, indicating a man of eighty inches tall. The teeth in front are worn almost down to the jaw bones, due, it is believed, to eating uncooked foods and crushing hard substances with the teeth. The sloping skull shows an extremely low order of intelligence.

A town in North Carolina has at last found a way to rid itself of the multitude of tramps that has infested it. Beside the railway that runs through the town is a straight half mile of road. When a number of tramps arrive in town they are gathered in by the police and lined up at the town hall at one end of this street. At the other end stands a policeman. Then at a pistol shot the tramps race away for liberty. All but the last man are allowed to keep on running as far as they will so long as it is away from town. The last man is seized by the policeman and set to work on the roads. With feet winged by fear of work on the roads the tramps puff and blow their hardest, and arrive at the terminus with aching sides and jaws, out of breath, and ready, but for fear of a second capture, to drop in their tracks and rest indefinitely. It is said that not one of them has yet cared to repeat the experience.

Mohamet to the mountain went,
As folks have done before;
Perhaps the somewhat jaded gent
Was weary of the shore.

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