

are unalterably opposed to political bossism. That is why they have joined this free movement.

#### THEY ARE DECEIVING THE PEOPLE.

HERE is this difference between the campaign orator who goes out before the people to get votes and the orator who has a real message: The former lies when he thinks the lie is attractive enough to win; the latter tells the truth.

The busy gentlemen who are making a campaign against Governor Spry are necessarily in the former class; they have lied because the truth wouldn't serve their purpose.

There is no need to get excited about the issues in the state campaign, although a number of Bull Moose and Democratic orators have shown an unusual amount of perturbation over the fact that the state of Utah has two millions of dollars to its credit in the banks. The old rule of yelling about an overdraft is inverted here. The first Spry administration is winding up with a remarkable balance on the right side of the ledger when in the first year of the administration it was necessary for the state to borrow money to meet its obligations.

Take, for instance, the charge that the governor has mortgaged the state to the extent of two millions of dollars, and that the state is not deriving a penny from the deposit of this money, raised on bonds and by individual work of state officials. In the first year of the Spry administration the state had to borrow money from the banks to carry it through to the time when taxes would replenish the treasury. That has not been necessary since, because the state has had plenty of money on hand. The banks which carry the state moneys have gone on the treasurer's bond, at no expense to the state, and have taken bond issues of more than half a million at a low rate of interest when the state would have had to pay a much higher rate to an outside bonding or banking firm.

The saving to the state through the floating of these bonds amounted to about \$80,000.

It is charged that the city of Salt Lake receives two per cent interest from banks on daily balances. This fact was blazoned forth in the oratory of a Bull Moose stump speaker who told his audience that if the city of Salt Lake could do this there was no adequate reason why the state could not do it.

That much is true, but the speaker, who happened to be the Bull Moose candidate for governor, was equally aware of the fact that the city of Salt Lake also pays four per cent interest on overdrafts at the banks.

There is nearly always an overdraft in the general or special funds, so that the city is paying interest for at least ten months in the year and never winds up the year with an actual balance. Mr. Morris took especial pride in the showing of the city administration of Salt Lake because he took an active interest in the election of the present commission form of

government. By not telling the whole truth he shows his insincerity and reveals the animus behind his personal activity in the state campaign.

The state of Utah isn't borrowing any money and isn't paying any interest on overdrafts because it has no overdraft.

The campaign is pretty near ended, but neither the Democratic or Bull Moose orators have pointed a remedy for what they charge is a distressing state of affairs. They do not show the sincerity that should mark the interest of honest men. If they should tell the people that there is now no state law by which the state can handle the money any differently from the manner in which it is now handled, they would knock the props from under all of their arguments. But that is the truth of the matter. The state officials are not only obeying the law, but they are administering the business affairs of the state to the everlasting profit of the people.

But if the constitutional amendment put up to the people by Governor Spry is endorsed by the people at the coming election, there will be a way to legally lend state money and get the interest for the people.

This has been a progressive administration. The state has grown beyond the territorial stage. A new Capitol is to be built and the present administration has provided for its building not only by the raising of money through bond issues, but by forcing from a rich estate nearly a million dollars in inheritance tax that would not have come to Utah without an energetic employ of persuasion on the part of the state officials.

#### THE PROGRESSIVE PLATFORM.

THE Progressive platform is in itself an excellent example of the success of a non-partisan expert body in interpreting conditions and devising definite and specific measures to meet them. It is unlike any other political document. It is the result of the collaboration of many people of known integrity, expert knowledge, and tried resources representing different political creeds. It embodies the sum of the best knowledge of modern problems; it speaks the language of absolute candor undefiled by any taint of party expediency; and it bears the cumulative momentum, not of one man's desire, but of the unassailable and inflexible purpose of a greater and purer humanity.

The Progressive party offers, for the first time in the history of this country, definite and comprehensive methods of giving political embodiment to the modern knowledge of the organic relations between every form of the general environment, and the life, health, growth, opportunities, abilities and happiness of each individual.

The essence and the greatness of the Progressive program lie not in the separate issues raised, but in the nature and qualifications of the agencies offered to deal with the determining conditions of modern life.

These conditions are matters of fact, not of governmental, judicial or

philosophic doctrines. The agencies that can best cope with them must have the qualifications of expert—not merely specialist—grasp and knowledge, unbiased judgment, and proved resourcefulness in devising practical measures. They must combine scientific accuracy of knowledge with practical sense. The best agencies so far devised and tried are non-partisan commissions of men and women of acknowledged integrity, experience and ability, like the Interstate Commerce Commission and the various Public Utilities commissions.

Non-partisan, expert bodies of control and genuine popular rule, besides securing greater immediate effectiveness and justice, compel publicity, and serve to arouse and educate a general interest in public matters. The Progressive campaign has accomplished an incalculable amount of good by bringing to light and formulating and vitalizing the fundamental problems of the future. It is no merit to stand by in mock modesty, when the faith of a new epoch is being born. The man that does not now contribute his deepest and purest convictions to the common endeavor will be discarded and forgotten by the future.

It is to the honor and glory of Theodore Roosevelt that he has given utterance to the aspirations of this age, more fully, more precisely, more faithfully, and more moderately than any other man.

#### OUT OF THE DARK.

D R. MORRISON, the English newspaper correspondent now political adviser to President Yuan Shi Kai of the Chinese republic, suggests for the comprehending of Chinese development a consideration of the fact that the people of this nation literally are just emerging from darkness. They are being given light—lamps, oil, and electricity.

Social darkness was a fact, not a figure. Night did not bring a leisure to be turned to pursuits which would raise the intelligence, widen the comprehension, and increase the knowledge of the nation. It forced inaction. The Chinese people worked all day, and night found them without means of illumination. If the Chinese citizen had anything to read—and he had—he had no proper light by which to read it. Oil now is being introduced throughout the republic and the reading lamp lighted.

"I wonder if it ever has occurred to you, Dr. Morrison said to a Pall Mall Gazette interviewer, "that not long ago the greater part of the country was without adequate means of illumination at night? Do you realize what such a simple thing as the introduction of oil is doing? It is literally brightening the lives of the people and relieving them from the dullness and monotony of evenings spent almost in the dark. No wonder so many

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were formerly driven to smoke opium. But to distribute oil efficiently more railways are needed. Of course the big cities are getting the electric light. These changes are not all the result of the revolution; they rather helped to produce it. Millions and millions of people suddenly lifted out of darkness and placed in possession of intelligent newspapers and light to read them by—think what that means in the oldest empire on earth!"

To learn that a burglar or holdup man may be repulsed by throwing a mustard pie in his face is a distinct advance in knowledge. If possible, however, the pie should be hot.

Humiliating as it must be, we confess that we can't help feeling a secret admiration for Brother Charley Taft for his willingness to spend his money freely to help elect Brother Bill.

Sometimes, when the hour passes on and the Turk awakes, he makes it exceedingly unpleasant for the other fellow. Our sympathies are with the other fellow—but the unspeakable Turk has 400,000 fighting men.

A Pennsylvania girl killed a policeman under the impression that he was a burglar. She must have been saturated with reports of the New York papers about the Becker case.

Furthermore, as to the president's "dignified reserve," it is quite possible that he is engaged in blocking out his Thanksgiving proclamation.

Where is the imagination that runs so wild as to conceive of either Taft or Wilson making a speech for an hour and a half while bleeding from a bullet wound?