

his sign will hang above his door, and the motto there will be an everlasting reproach to us, for it will be: "Soli fecimus"—we did it alone!—The Rev. Peter C. Yorke, in San Francisco, January 24.

MAYOR JOHNSON'S WAY.

"LET THE LEGISLATURE PROBE."

"The statement that the Republican leaders will scrutinize every bill presented by the Cuyahoga county delegation, and seek information up here concerning their merits pleases rather than disturbs me," was the statement of Mayor Johnson yesterday, when asked what he thought of the decision of a majority to discount the actions of minority members in their own countries.

"If the delegation presents the bills which I as mayor shall ask them to do in behalf of this county and city, I want the searchlight to be placed upon them and to have them investigated. There will be no bills presented which do not have behind them the city's good, and which are calculated to build up Cleveland.

"The Cuyahoga county delegation was elected upon a platform which means Greater Cleveland. It was sent to Columbus to correct evils and to make Cleveland great in every possible way. The members are also probably the only ones who are pledged to correct fundamental evils which exist all over the state. Lying behind the platform of principles on which they were elected was the much broader idea of equality of rights, and I believe that they will introduce and vote only for such bills which tend to work out this great idea.

"In local matters I believe it quite the thing that the members should inform themselves of conditions before passing the measure asked for. I hope, however, that the Republican leaders will not stop at Cuyahoga, but will give all parts of the state the benefit of that eagle scrutiny which is said to be promised to us.

"As far as our bills go, we will not only assist them in investigating, but will not block, or attempt to, any efforts they may make to get information. Of course, we want them to be honest in their search, and trust that they will not consider the word of disgruntled committeemen as representing the sentiments of the county. If they will go to representative men, not to disappointed politicians who were repudiated by the people at the polls, we will not object. We might if the leaders followed a policy of ap-

pealing to the small political fish in whom the people of the county have shown their lack of confidence, and I believe that the people would also object to the men whom they have selected to represent them being set aside for the managers of their opponents.

"Let the legislature probe, but let it go to the broad minded and responsible men of the community for its information."—Cleveland Plain Dealer of January 27.

HOW TO GET GRADE CROSSINGS ABOLISHED.

Hereafter railroads desiring concessions from the city must give an equivalent in grade crossing improvements, according to the announcement made by Mayor Johnson in the meeting of the board of control Monday.

An ordinance was submitted to the board giving the Erie railroad authority to lay a new switch track at Cuyahoga street.

Inquiry developed the fact that the Erie road had refused to agree to the plans for the abolition of the Union street grade crossing.

"Why. I thought that was the one that was all agreed to," ejaculated Mayor Johnson.

Engineer Carter said that the Pennsylvania company had agreed to the plan for the abolition of the crossing, but that the Erie was holding the project up.

Councilman Springborn appeared to object to the approval of the ordinance. He said that the railroad had neglected to put in crosswalks and a light at Sawtell avenue and Etna street as a previous ordinance provided. Until the company kept their agreement he would oppose any concessions to them, he said.

"Somebody ought to be delegated to look up the whole situation in regard to this railroad," remarked the mayor. "We ought to block them in everything else if they won't give us that overhead bridge at Union street. We will never get the grade crossings abolished except by holding up concessions the railroads want.

"I wouldn't give them an inch to accommodate them until we get their consent to that overhead bridge."

The board of control voted unanimously against the approval of the ordinance.—Plain Dealer of January 28.

The modern millionaire is getting to count philanthropy among the necessities of life.—Puck.

THE MISTAKES OF PHARAOH.

"Well," said Mrs. Dillingham, "I have been thinking of that you sent me," she went on, "about Moses and Pharaoh. Do you think it was quite reverent—the way you spoke of sacred things?"

"Which is sacred, the Egyptians or the early Hebrews?"

"You know very well. It was quoting the Bible in politics."

"And if I did, where can one get better lessons? But I mainly referred to certain events recorded in the Bible, which I take it happened just the same whether they are in the Bible or not."

"Oh, I knew you would have an answer. But to compare the Jews with the Filipinos—"

"Which I did not unless the situations compare themselves—"

"They are not at all alike. Think of all the Jews have given us, the majestic prophecies of Isaiah, the psalms of David, and of Mendelssohn and Heine and Zangwill and Emma Lazarus. It is a marvelous race and you say they were not fit for self-government."

"Pardon me, that is what Pharaoh said. And he was mistaken. There never was a people not fit for self-government unless they were first enslaved. So far as slavery or conquest is successful, so far are men unfitted to govern themselves. The Jews in Pharaoh's time were as near it as anybody. So will the Filipino be by the time we are done subjugating him.

"From Pharaoh's standpoint he was right. A man usually is from his own standpoint. But that is no reason we should adopt his views. We have the benefit of his experience for one thing."

"All the same," she continued, "it makes me feel uncomfortable. I don't like your comparing Moses with Aguinaldo."

"But I didn't. I don't believe the Filipino Moses has come yet."

Still it bothered her. "The Jews were God's chosen people."

"And Pharaoh would have kept them in slavery, would have crushed out the last spark of their national genius. What would the world have lost if he had succeeded? It shows how little Pharaoh knew about it.

"And yet they were an unpromising lot. From the time Abraham told that story about his wife, from the trickery of Jacob, from Joseph's his-