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casures for the general welfare?

All the people, of course, would have

vens on legislative propositions. The

ducated and the ignorant, the proper-

the populace, unfitted for the task of

ther framing, or amending, or decid-

Just think of the number of elections

hat would be held, the constant agita-

on that would be kept up, the feeling

f insecurity that would provail, the de-

tay in the operation of laws that would

could attend all matters of legislation,

We hear a great deal nowadays

could bring in its antipodes. It would

as great an extreme as the despotism

isleal ultimate, it would introduce a

nuch more terrible evil. Mob rule is a

fercer herror than the implacable

sway of empire, Monarchism is far

The golden mean between the two

stremes is the safe and better way.

legislature in such State chosen by

he popular voice, is the model law-

naking power. And the restricted veto

In the hunds of the executive, is far su-

perior in its general offects than it

yould be if turned over to the easily

setted populace, to render void at will

he curefully constructed and thorough

ly dahated work of legislators, selected

re their special qualifications to per-

The more this subject is dispassion-

taly examined, the clearer does it ap-

sir that to introduce into our State

mathinin something so out of har-

nony with our national and local sys-

om of govornment as the "Initiative

and Referendum," would be an act of

uprome folly, which would lower Utah

n the estimation of the thinking people

f our country, and in the eyes of the

ELDEUS AT GALVESTON SAFE.

The history of the terrible disaster

hat overlook Galveston, Texas, a few

lays ago, would be incomplete without

'Mormon' Elders who labored as mis-

food which brought death and destruc-

there were four Elders in the city, viz:

right hand, and thousands more on Perto Rico?

miniost nations of the earth.

form it in the public interest.

"imperialism." This -scheme

iem should be introduced!

better than anarchism."

respectly and peace of the State.

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made

if such a system or rather lack of sys- exerted to avoid war as long as possi-

be discaded. Indeed, if carried to its pend on the instructions he has re-

The arrival of Count Waldersee in

China, which is expected to take place

in a few days, will be an event of uni-

versal interest. A great deal will de-

ceived. In his position as commander-

In-chief of the military forces, and with

his long experience as a diplomat, he

ment of the Chinese trouble.

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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The seventieth semi-annual conferonce of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence on Friday, October 5, at 10 c. m. in the Tabernacle in this city.

LORENZO SNOW. GEORGE Q. CANNON, JOSEPH F. SMITH, · First Presidency.

FAST DAY.

Inasmuch as one of the sessions of our forthcoming General Conference will be held on Sunday, the 6th prox., which is our general fast day, the next fast day services will be held on the last Sunday of the present month instead of the first Sunday of next month.

## LORENZO SNOW. A GENEROUS PROPOSITION.

The offer made by an enterprising clitzen of Salt Lake-Mr. A. W. Mc Cune-to join other men of means in the purchase of a site for depot grounds, to secure the terminus of the newly projected railroad from Los Angeles in this city, is a proposition which, if idented, would solve the problem now confronting the people/here, effeetually.

We all want the railroad. There can be no doubt about that. The request of the capitalists engaged in the enterprise, for depot grounds and franchises. appears to be reasonable. If Utah is to enjoy the benefits of the road, Utah will naturally be expected to do some-

On the fatal night they were stop- in which every phase of public questhing towards making it successful ing with a family named Daniels. As | tions is set forth and discussed. When loney is not demanded. The optio the water rose and reached the house, the masses of any people are dependent of taking a small pecuniary interest in the road is offered, but the investment is not required. That which is asked it seems can be granted, and it ; ought to be considered in a favorable livine Providence, When morning crament, light. broke and the desolation wrought stood The Deseret News has set forth the forth in all its awe-inspiring details, obstacle in the way of giving Pioneer It was found that the house in which Park to this company, not for the purthe Elders were, was the only one in path of the gentlemen who are push- that entire neighborhood that had es- parent indication that it will be such caped damage. ing this project, but that they may It seems these missionaries were, durunderstand the situation, and that ing the entire night of horror, unconmeasures may be taken that are feastscious of the extent of the visitation. ble and capable of accomplishment, to Elder Norton in his letter to the "News" effect the chief end in view, We believe there is public spirit says part of the night they slept, 1850 enough in this city to take up the of- though the water was surging and the wind raging all around them. When fer of Mr. McCune, and settle the question of depot grounds at once. The in the morning they went out to see franchise proposition will have to be what damage had been done, they were astonished to learn the extent of the to the aid of the Galveston sufferersdetermined later and in an official way. disaster. They saw corpses every- a governmental act that has few pre-We say again, clear the way for the where. Men, women and children had cedents. road to Los Angeles! met death either by drowning or under A STEP TOWARD ANARCHISM. the falling houses. There was no difference now between rich and poor, white and black. Death had placed Sacramento. The increase is a little "Direct legislation does not make it necessary for the people to vote on them all on about the same level. every measure that may come before a The intraculous preservation of the The miraculous preservation of the legislature. It merely gives them the want to. Under direct legislation, as had been given shelter that night, must the people wanted and did not passed the legis. Induces any they did not want, everything would go on as usual. But if the legis, lature failed to pass a law the people wanted, the people could may be people wanted the people wanted and did not pass any they did not want, everything between a proverful testimony to their messages. And there are many wanted the people could may be people wanted the people wanted in the history the people wanted and the people wanted the people wanted in the people was the people wanted the people wanted in the people was the people was the people wanted in the people was the people wanted, the people could pass it for themselves; and if it passed any laws the people did not want, they could yeto in the experience of Church members. That Colorado Indian scare is n those laws. Thus the people would be if they were written they would form the power in government, and the lexis-lature would simply and the lexistheir will," a volume of peculiar interest. To the that God is the same today as He was The foregoing paragraph is from The in the time of Moses and of the first

their left.

flood came.

utterly incompetent to pass on public three different directions in the vast would indicate that the Boer cause is le continent. It is trying to estababout run down. With the rallway lish itself in Turkestan, in Persia, and gone, the source of Boar supplies is in northern China. But in order to closed, and the war must soon cease so succeed, it needs first of all peace with | far as extensive operations are conty owner and the lodger, the taxpayer | Europe, For Russia now to pass cerned.

and the mendicant. But the fate of the through a great crisis would perhaps It is said that in the call for parliammunity would be in the hands of Invelor the loss of much of the advance ment the English liberals have not Any policy for a peaceful setbeen given time to make their nomina tlement of the Chinese trouble would tions, while, by virtue of having ing upon constiments involving the therefore now be accepted by Russia, knowledge of the inner workings, the but it would not prevent the country unionists or conservatives have been from pursuing its own special policy, able to get theirs ready, and consewhich embraces the complete Russianquently will have them elected un. fzing of Manchurla and as much more opposed. From this it would seem that of Chinese territory as possible. It la American politics has not a monopoly this polley that is the source of danger, on everything like unfair play. re occasioned, the uncertainty that as it may chuse a clash of interests, but no doubt Russian diplomacy will be

That awful day nursery affair in Cincinnati must send a thrill of horror through parents' hearts. Yet the necessity of putting their children in the care of such institutions while the parents go out to daily toll rests upon many people in different parts of the coun try, so that the bereaved hardly can be charged with neglect. Besides, the fire seems to have been an accident to which even children at home are liable.

will undoubtedly exercise much influence for good or for evil upon the Denmark is known as the land of course of negotiations about the settlebutter-makers, and last year Great Britain imported from that country \$44,000,000 worth of buiter. Yet during ILLITERACY IN PORTO RICÓ. the same time Denmark imported from the United States 35,000,000 pounds of Census figures giving the literary oleo oil, with which to make oleomarstatus of Porto Rico show that the gatine. Of course, Danish butter brings entire number of men of voting age in about double the price of olemargarine, the island amounts to 201,071, of whom so that when the Dantshman sells his 120,295 are whites born in Porto Rico, butter and cats the substitute he makes 7.766 are whites born in Spain and other just half the price of his butter for countries, and 73,010 are colored. Of profit, over what he would have if he the white natives only 35,397, or 29 perate it.

cent are able to read, and of the col According to the Buffalo Times the ored, only 12,576, or 17.2 per cent. By Jamestown board of education has inmaking literacy a qualification for vottroduced an optional course of instruction in the Swedish language in the high school of that city. The course is

recommended on the ground that that city has a very large population of Swedish extraction. Some years ago a proposition was made to establish a chair in Danish language and literature in the Berkeley University, Cal., and Dr. Brandes was talked of to conduct that study, but the plan did not materialize. It cannot be denied, though, that the study of the Scandinavian languages has both a practical and educa. tional value.

ing advice that might be of use to some people who reside farther West: "How to guit the drink habit? It can't be done by swearing off for a month or a year, or by 'tapering off' on smaller and less frequent indulgences. It must be cut off resolutely once and forever, with no thought that in a month or six months it may be taken up moderately. That will only prove to be a torture, and after it has been suffered one is no further along than he was be fore. Chop it off short, the way a mad dog's tail should be cut, just back of the ears, and when friends want you to 'smile,' shake your head and make it a dry smile. To swear off with a set time for resuming is torture that no one should inflict upon himself."

COMMENT ON CHINA

Tsin from Pekin while negotiations ar In progress between the imperial go ertiment represented by Li Hung Cha and the representative of the allies retirement would suggest to the Ch nese the complete evacuation the would follow the settlement of th present difficulties in a manner entiry y satisfactory to the combined power and thus incline the Chinese to yie

without further delay. San Francisco Chroniele. No additional internal revenue can be

duced under the harbarous methind corrupt administration new preva in China. The empire will not off until she produces some se the payment of her debt, than the promises of the viceroys "remit." No creditor will lend a dol on the faith of such ph arrangements which: China c make other than absolutely turn ever to foreigners the levying and c lection of internal taxes, as they no ontrol the customs. It is morally ce tain that this will have to be done ore China can borrow any money, an t is also morally certain that wh reign administrators have been cointed, there must be foreign sold to back them up. And yet the diplo-mats talk gravely of maintaining the integrity" of China. Of all humbugs

umbug of "diplomacy" is the biggest. RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

which the world has ever

seen the

The October number of Pearson's is, as usually, full of interesting reading, artistically illustrated. The frontispiece is a picture of "Between Decks on i Slaver," and the first article is "The American Slave," by James S. Metcalfe. Then comes this list of contents: "Driving in Russia," illustrated with photo graphs, Turner Morton; "The Last Cariridge," a story, illustrated by Staney L. Wood, James Workman; "Indigo Planting in India," illustrated with photographs, M. N. MacDonald; "The Capture of Molly Maguire," a story, Seumas MacManus; "Apples," illustrated by Carl Pehl. Theodore Dreiser; Bal Masque," a story, illustrated by 'has, Pears, Nellis K. Blissett, "The Sheik Mohammed," a story, illustrated by Warwick Goble, David Beddoe; Imperial Sportsmen, hotographs, H. Ry ustrated with Tale of the Dutch." a novel, H. Haggard; "The Art of the Age; novel, H. Rid Service Fund comance of the Secret red M. White: "The Physical Exa ation of Students," Arthur Hen Love in a Mask," a story, filustrat Arthur Hent H. A. Hinkson; "The Mosquito," ill trated. R. W. Shufeldt, M.D.; "Tales Steam Hotel," Cutcliffe Hyne; nimals Sleep," Hustrated by dd, Louis Robinson, M.D.; " trified Forest of Arizona," Cliff loward: "Ice Crushers on the Gr Waldon Fawcett: "Doctor y Machinery, Illustrated with photo-rophs, R. P. Lambert; "From China o Peru," illustrated by Seymour Na-ion, W. L. Alden.-The Pearson Pub-

Cram's Magazine for September has "Minette," a tale of the Crusaders hina receives due attention, as do a unber of other topics of the day. The dagazine claims to be entirely non-artisan, giving both sides with equa airness and impartiality. The cove as an excellent portrait of Major Lee tassieur, the commander-h A. R .-- 61-63 Plymouth Place, ha G. Chlcago.

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The National Magazine for Septemer is an interesting number of this opular magazine, containing a great arlety of reading matter, profusely



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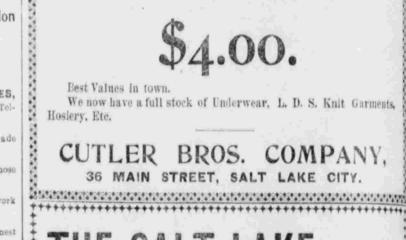
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ing the franchise would be confined to about 24 per cent of the male popula-For the sake of comparison it is stated that Louisiana, which, according to the census of 1890, had about the poprest record in the United States, showed 543 per cent literates of its entire population, or more than double the percentage of the male population

of voting age in Porto Rico. The literacy situation in this island, for centuries one of the most favored possessions of Spain, should not be brief note of the experience of some | forgetten in the discussion as to whether the Filipinos, under Spanish rule,

A Chicago exchange gives the followdonaries in that city at the time of the are likely to have attained an educa tion fitting them for self-government. tion to so many souls. According to The Philippine Islands, unlike Porto a letter received at the "News" office, Rico, are inhabited by a medley of tribes, and races, who cannot under-

Peter A. Norton, of Pima, Ariz.; Horace | stand the language of one another, and L. Johnson, of Thatcher, Ariz.; Samuel who have different customs, laws, and thaw, of North Ogden, Utah, and He. interests. Is it probable that Spanish er N. Folkman, of Plain City, Utah, rule has had educational results among and they all were preserved as by a these various tribes, different from and miracle, while thousands fell on the more excellent than those attained in Without any partisan consideration These Elders had been laboring in whatever, it will be very generally ad-Galveston for the past three months mitted that self-government presupand a half. It seems, however, that poses a certain degree of education, a their testimony had been rejected, and certain amount of knowledge which they were about to leave, when the can be gathered in no other way than by access to the literature of the day,

New Ers, and has been sent to us by a correspondent, who seems to think it a It passed any laws the people did not and a subject of thanksgiving. want, they could veto those laws."

Just so. Well, what would be the use of a legislature at all? Why not abolich it altogether? Why not let the peo-

And the question arises in this connection, who would be "the people" that United States had a teading position would pass laws which a carefully se- unong the "allien" as to the Chinese sary or unwise and who would veto such each of the great Ruropean governcal than intellectual, and who, while exatusmen would besitate to predict. competent to aid in the selection of Iz is probable that Russia at present brainy and experienced citizens in their own vicinity for legislators, might be proce. That country is reaching out in the first in fifty more locomotives. This able to the policy of retiring to Tien o'clock.

strong argument in favor of the plan it names have been given above, will be The friends of the four Elders, whose advocates. We are of the opinion that glad to loarn of their wonderful es-It is only necessary to read the propo- espe when death was swinging his the Pima Indians, and in planning for scylbe around them, and of their safe them to secure a permanent water supminds of rational and conservative peo-ple. One sentence is sufficient for that purpose. "If the lockstone failed in purpose. "If the legislature failed to perform will probably never entirely pass a law the people wanted, the peo- fade away from their rainds. It should ple could pass it for themselves; and if be to them an ever abiding testimony,

IN CHINA.

ple do all the legislative work at once, mysterious as ever. In Washington trying independence for a while, it and have done with it? Why go the impression prevails that nothing would be no surprise to find the Cubans through all the trouble and expense of further can be done, until the govern- asking for a change. electing a legislative body, and paying ment has been re-established at Pekin, for its services, when the people could but in Berlin circles it is believed that attend to the business themselves" but in Berlin circles it is believed the hope of successfully resisting by force what would be the the arrival of Count yon Waldersee hope of successfully resisting by force What would be the use of giving au- will mark the beginning of new devel- of arms the alled powers, but it is not thority to a lot of lawmakers to enact spments The negotiations as to who is clear that they are convinced of the statutes, which the people who elect to be accepted as the representative of futility of such resistance when some them could pass themselves, and which to be accepted as the representative of the powers withdraw. There is room the the china continue, and in the meantime of the powers withdraw. they could veto if the measures passed none of the powers seem in a hurry to for fighting yet in China, judging by withdraw from Chinese soll.

For some time it appeared as if the troops. lected legislature considered anneces- policy, but at present it seems that Orden Standard is sick, suffering from measures as displeased the populace? ments is pursuing its own aims, al- We sympathize with our country con-Who but the untrained masses, the mul. ments is pursuing its own arms, and the temporary, and now understand what though keeping up to some extent the temporary, and now understand what titude whose passions can be swayed by appearance of concert. What the final has caused its recent aberrations. We demagogues, whose wigor is more physis butcome will be, even the boldest hope the chill will soon pass and the

these good people fied panic-stricken to on public speakers alone for their inhigher ground, leaving the Elders alone formation, as is the case with Russlans, in the house. These went upstairs and Turks and Chinese, they are but poorly commended themselves to the care of equipped for an American form of gov-

> One of the great coal mine operators In Pennsylvania says the miners' strike will last only a week. There is no ap-

Butte, Montana, takes the prize thus far for increase in population, the number of inhabitants there this year being nearly three times as great as in

Mexican liberality should not go unnoticed in this country. The Mexican congress proposes to contribute \$30,000

Among the western cities whose gain in population has been small the past ten years is the California capital, over ten per cent, or not much more than half that of Salt Lake City.

There were more strikers out today

That Colorado Indian scare is not liable to amount to much. A few unruly savages will be brought to time quickly if the stockmen in the vicinity will observe the law and allow the government officers to deal with the Utes whose ac. tions are complained of.

The government is doing a most comselves, with advantage to the government's Indian policy.

When "straws" are taken to indicate the direction of the wind, it will be well to observe the drift of opinion among the white people of Cuba towards an The Chinese situation is about as presiden to the United States. After

Intest news of the movement of Chinese

fever will not return.

Los Angeles Express,

It is stated that the Chinese in the in-

terior still believe that the foreigners have all been driven from the empire, and that the allied armies have been annihiliated. The empress is said to be in constant receipt of messages con-gratulating her on the success of the imperial troops, and that only the re-turn of the foreigners and the punishment of those guilty of outrages will convince them to the contrary. It is said that the utmost harmony prevails among the troops at Pekin, and that

there is no danger of any trouble among them. Outrages have practiceased, and the condition of the ally country continues to improve.

Boston Transcript.

General Chaffee, who, as the man on he ground, is able to form an expert minion of what the present foreadows, appears to incline to the be-of that even when the powers get to understanding Pekin must be occ ited as a military camp while negotia ons with China are proceeding. This ems to be a reasonable conclusion, for Li Hung Chang should break down in his attempt to patch up some sor f arrangement with the powers, the atter should they have evacuated Pekin, might be compelled to march back to it again. A capital in the hand sometimes worth two treaties in the bush.

### Sacramento Bee.

Rossia is distinctly ahead on one oint in China. The confiscation of 000,000 tacks on deposit by the Chinese government in a Russian bank at Pe-kin is quite natural under the circumstances. Natural also is the closing of the bank in Pekin and its removal to Shanghal. Were the bank to remain in Pekin and the Chinese officials to all for their money after the with-rawal of the foreign troops, the situon would be exceedingly awkward for officers of the institution. will be some gnashing of teeth among the Mandarins over the failure to ex-ploit those 5,000,000 taels for themselves.

New York Evening Post. Recent letters to the London Tim from Pekin affirm that the attacks up the foreign legations were ordered

the Dowager Empress, and organized by high government officials, who were ap pointed by imperial decree to reduc the legations by fire, sword, and familia is is the gravest accusation that ca brought against a government, thu t has made a wanton and murdero attack on ambassadors, whose perso attack on annaeshors, whose persons have been held sacred ever since man-kind began to have a written history. Of course, these charges will be investi-gated in due time, but in the meanwhile the question will be asked, why did the attack fail? The force opposed to the

tack fail. In or where the ming. If not duced by arms, they could have been arved to death; yet Mr, Conger said one of his dispatches that provisions in one of his dispatches that provisions were supplied to them by the Tsung-Li-Yamen. How is this mystery to be ex-plained? Why was the Chinese govern-ment striking at the legations with one hand and feeding them with the other?

New York Mail and Express. It is to the real interest of Chira that negotiations be hastened, and that they be conducted while the powers are acting in harmony, rather than that

ey be deferred, until the concert hasd opportunity to pursue separate read apportunity to pursue separate Fe-nges. It will be a hopeful indication L's faitial propositions show that a government is awake to its own overlessness. If they are as stupidly Bourbon as the earlier steps of that covernment, it will be an evil day for China.

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