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A QUEER BRAND OF JUSTICE.

The Deseret News has already made some comments on certain statements of the Washington Post. Our attention has been called to another article in the same paper, from which we make the following excerpts. Speaking in reference to the Philippine tariff bill and its probable effects on the "Mormon Church," the Post says:

"Great interest will attach to the position of Senator Smoot and his colleagues upon the bill. If Senator Smoot should vote against the bill, the public would probably regard his action as a defiant attempt to further the interests of his Mormon brethren, however conscientious he might be. If he should vote for the bill, the charge would immediately be made that he had sacrificed the material interests of the Church rather than lose his seat."

"Senator Smoot's position is not a happy one. If he is in the Senate for the benefit of the Mormon Church, it is unfortunate that the Philippine bill should come up while his fate is hanging in the balance. If he is entirely independent of the Church, it is too bad that the enemies of the Church will not permit him to vote for the best interests of Utah without imputing his motives."

It appears that there are two sides to the Post, as there are to an argument. The foregoing shows a different side to the quotations from it which we made on Thursday. Still, the Post seems determined to ring in the "Mormon Church" in association with Senator Smoot's official action, thus pandering to the plea of his enemies and ignoring the positive facts in the case.

That the financial interests of the Church are so small in comparison with the capitalization of the sugar companies in this region, as to be scarcely touched by the Philippine tariff bill, we have made evident to every unbiased reader. Therefore, Senator Smoot is not placed in any "unfortunate position" on that account. He stands perfectly free to vote on any measure that comes before the Senate, according to his convictions of what would be for the best interests of the Nation, at the same time giving due attention to the interests of his State and the views of its citizens.

We see nothing unfortunate to Senator Smoot in "the coming up of the Philippine bill" at this juncture. Why should his right to the seat in the Senate, to which he was elected by his constituents, be imperilled by his vote, pro or con, on a question affecting the interests of the general public? And what kind of logic or justice or common decency is there in the proposition, that he is to be condemned, no matter which side of that question he takes as a Senator? But that is just about the kind of fairness exhibited toward a "Mormon" by many people, whether he is attacked as a churchman or as a public official.

The Senator's right to his seat cannot be assailed in any legitimate manner or on constitutional or equitable grounds. The whole course of the proceedings against him is unprecedented, and unwarranted by any rule of Congress or regular proceeding of law or custom. The intimation made by the Post, is equivalent to saying he will be doomed if he does and doomed if he doesn't, if he does have his way, and tells the whole story of the assault that is being made upon him. "But the end is not yet."

A LESSON FROM SCHOOL.

According to an interesting story published by the New York World, an old gentleman of Cleveland, a Deacon Aaron Pickett, has made an observation that should convey a lesson to the boys and girls now growing up to manhood and womanhood. It is this, that their present conduct is but the commencement of a career that will, in all probability, be determined in accordance with this beginning, just as the course of a vessel is, from the entrance upon the voyage, set with a view to reaching the goal for which it is destined.

The gentleman named says that in 1833 he was a pupil in a class in a small country school. There were thirty in the class, ranging in age from six to twelve years. The teacher, a sensible young lady, told them from the outset that she would depend on their honor to keep order in the class, and she gave them but one rule to follow: "Do nothing that will distract the attention of another pupil from his work."

Mr. Pickett says all the pupils promised to obey that rule voluntarily, but at the end of the second day one boy had broken his promise. At the end of the third day, three were promiscuous, and at the end of the week, fifteen. The fifteen that had kept their pledge one week remained faithful to the entire term.

Mr. Pickett says he has watched these boys and noted their different careers. At the end of fifty years he compiled a record based on his observations. Of the obedient fifteen there were alive thirteen. Of the disobedient fifteen there were only three surviving. The thirteen had excellent records. All were educated, some highly. No one of them used profane language or in-

toxicating liquor. Only one had used tobacco and one had become involved in a lawsuit. They all bore good reputations in the communities where they lived and were numbered among the best citizens, though not among the wealthy.

The three once disobedient boys could not claim records of that kind. One was a lawyer, ruined by drink and often in jail. Another was a small, feeble farmer frequently in trouble. Nearly all of the disobedient had been selfish—more anxious to satisfy their own desires for license than to live for the good of themselves and the remainder of the community. As a result they were disturbers, given frequently to quarrelsomeness, their habits being such as would tend to shorten a human life.

Seventy years after the school experience there were still eight of the good boys living, while only two of the other class were still side of eternity. The story certainly conveys an important lesson to the younger generation. Obedience is in the law of God enjoined as a condition of long life, and prosperity. That is proved to be a correct principle. Without the character that can conquer and control self, there can be no happiness, and without happiness longevity would not be a blessing.

AN IRRIGATION QUERY.

To the Editor,

Kindly answer the following questions and oblige a subscriber:
A and B each own 19 acres of land, adjoining each other. A has a spring on his land for his supply of water. B takes his supply from a canal and in order to irrigate his land, has to take the stream in a ditch, cut out through A's land across to his own. Now, because of this same ditch cut through his land, A has to make use of it in order to irrigate his own land. B irrigates possibly three or four times during summer season. A assisted in making this same ditch through his own land and, when irrigating, he does it on times when not in conflict with B's time of irrigating.

B denies A's right to use the ditch, at any and all times, hence the source of trouble. Again, when B irrigates he allows the stream to overflow over A's land to the injury of the latter's crops. Has A any rights on his own premises. Respectfully,

A SUBSCRIBER.

To answer the foregoing correctly, it appears to us that some further information concerning the facts would be necessary. It does not appear whether A has any other water right than that to the use of a spring on his land. The fact that he helped to make the ditch by which B conducts his supply from the canal mentioned, would, in our opinion, give A the right to conduct water from his spring through that ditch. But if A owns no water right in the canal, from which B obtains his irrigating water, he could not use the canal water in addition to the spring water. If B permits the water running through the ditch to overflow to the injury of A's land, B is liable to A for the damages thus inflicted. Without further particulars concerning the contention, that is all we feel safe in saying on the subject.

HOW BISMARCK FELL.

When Bismarck was summarily dismissed by the then young Emperor of Germany, it was generally accepted as true that the Iron Chancellor had insisted on his right to be the medium through which cabinet reports should be conveyed to the Emperor. William, on the other hand, it was said, maintained his right to hear the ministers himself. This, it was given out, was the cause of the rupture.

Another version is now being circulated through the press. Dr. Roth, a Swiss diplomatist, is quoted as the authority for it. According to him, the Swiss government in 1890 took the initiative in proposing an international labor conference to be held at Berne. No sooner did the Kaiser hear of it than he demanded that the conference should meet at Berlin. Bismarck did not approve of the Kaiser's plan, and when all failed, he asked the Swiss ambassador to persuade his government to persist in its original proposal. Whether Dr. Roth did so is not stated, but probably not, as the congress assembled at Berlin in due course. A few days after the news of the chancellor's visit reached the ears of the Kaiser, who was furious and had a long conversation with the chancellor. This was March 19, and everyone knows Bismarck was dismissed on the 20th. Also, the writer states, the Kaiser not long after presented his portrait to Dr. Roth with the dedication: "To Dr. Roth. A souvenir of March 19, 1890. William, I. R."

The matter may not be of special interest at this time, but the fall of Bismarck, the builder of the German empire, is an event of historical importance, and the true cause of it should be known. Great effects often spring from apparently trivial causes, and this seems to be one illustration of that fact.

A CURIOUS STORY.

One of the most remarkable stories comes from Tokio. It is to the effect that one of the political captains of Japan, at a meeting the other day, intimated the minister of war as to whether the government intended to suggest that Great Britain reform her army organization. The minister, it is alleged, replied that the government would do so at some future date.

It is possible that this answer is to be understood as an evasion of the rather impertinent question. "Some future date" may be a diplomatic equivalent for "never." The story that a responsible representative of the Mikado's cabinet so far forgot himself as to deliberately violate the rules of international courtesy, by uncalled-for criticism of the military system of a friend and ally, is difficult to believe.

The incident, nevertheless, suggests future possibilities. Asia awakened and taught the arts of war, as known by Europe, may eventually influence the occidental nations in favor of more strenuous militarism, just as Bismarck's policy gave the impetus to a military tidal wave that swept the European continent from North Cape to Gibraltar.

power and the feverish activity of another to reach the summit of military power, should warn the friends of peace that their problem has become more complicated than it was before the awakening of Asia. It should also inspire them to systematic and energetic efforts for their most laudable cause.

Town topic—Has gambling been suppressed?

Henry H. Rogers cannot be a transgressor. His way is not at all hard.

Colonel Mann should be appointed lord keeper of the skeletons in the closet.

"Partly cloudy" is the forecast of the weather man these days. What would he call cloudy?

Admiral Togo is coming over in April. He, too, is a believer in the "See America first" doctrine.

Ida Tarbell says that lying is a national vice in America. Then how can her statement be true?

Just as spring is about to be ushered in the cool supply becomes abundant. It never rains but it pours.

Mark Twain believes in the use but not in the misuse of explosives. In golf there can be no misuse of them.

Governor Folk says that the moral idea in politics has come to stay. May it prove to have staying qualities!

How things get mixed up in this world! The "fire" department is in the police department and not in the fire department.

February is famous as the birth month of Washington and Lincoln. Miss Alice Roosevelt will add to its fame by being married during it.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has made provision for the proper maintenance of the widow of the late Dr. Harper. It is a most worthy act, one that marks him a genuine philanthropist.

The women of the Minerva club of New York are working to have hazing stopped in the colleges and are preparing a bill, which they hope to have Congress enact into a law, making hazing a crime. The Goddess of Wisdom does not seem to have given them wisdom when they make an appeal to Congress instead of to the various state legislatures.

Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor has ordered a thorough and searching investigation of the Valencia wreck off Vancouver, and the conduct of officers and crew of that steamer, as well as the officers of the steamers Topeka and Queen which went to the assistance of the disabled vessel. A very good thing to do, but such investigations are very much like locking the stable after the horse is gone.

A SIGN OF PERSONAL POWER.

W. R. C. Latson, in Outlook.
Now in this article I shall try, in the briefest manner possible to make clear two things of which I am firmly convinced. First, that there are possibilities of physical development far beyond the present achievements, and secondly, that there are certain very simple methods by which these possibilities may in every case be attained. The first object of physical methods should be to straighten and expand the body. The world may, in a broad, general way, be divided into two great classes—the erect and the humped, the strong and the weak. The great makers, the Cromwells, Luthers, Napoleons, Wellingtons, Washingtons and Websters have been men marked by a straight spine and a broad, high, deep chest. The mastered millions, the defeated ones, have been the insect.

THE CELEBRATED LIBEL SUIT.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.
These blackmailers know their business. They know the weakness and foibles of those with whom they propose to deal; whether one man will "lend" money without security or another give \$1000 or a 50 share of non-dividend paying stock, or still another pay tribute in the shape of an advertisement at extortionate rates or destroy the "cost" of putting into type an article that would present him in an unpleasant light before the public. The methods are well high as numerous as the victims, each one of whom puts his neck in a yoke. But only in a while the blackmailers make a mistake, and that means trouble for them, and of the kind in which these New York vampires now find themselves. Once in a while is found a man who will fight.

Boston Herald.
There have been so many gibb witnesses in the Town Topics case that it is surely fair to discriminate in favor of the testimony of any one of them as the most astonishing of the lot. When the brass medal comes to be awarded, however, due consideration ought to be given to the Newport correspondent who unobtrusively testified to having gone to Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish's ball for the Duchess of Marlborough disguised as a tambourine player; to crawling in under a tent at another high social function, and to visiting a young ladies' school as a professor of mathematics. No other witness matched these achievements. They stand out in a class by themselves.

Boston Transcript.

The people whose names are associated with these transactions do not stand in any too enviable a light. Why have they not declared their independence and defended themselves and society? We are well aware that the best ordered families do not like to have the jackals of the press after them. Our private lives and associations are our own and their most of the press scavenger? Mr. O. H. P. Belmont refused and took his medicine like a man and he stands better before the public today than those who permitted themselves to fall into the snare.

New York Evening Post.

Nobody can have observed the aged but venerable figure of the editor of Town Topics, much less have followed the testimony relating to his impudent borrowings from the rich who feared his scandalous pen, without being reminded of Bunyan's "Man with the Muckrake." This person, we may recall, occupied a separate room in the Interpreter's House. He "could look no way but downwards," and his continual occupation in digging up the "celestial crown" that was held above was raking "to himself the straw, the small sticks and dust of the floor." Fervent-

ing that the raker typified the insensate pursuit of wealth, Christian prayed, "Oh! deliver me from this muckrake"—a prayer which the Interpreter observed "has lain by till 'tis almost rusty."

New York Mail.
Beyond this, the libel trial, as the defense has conducted it, has served to present to the country a chapter of almost unbelievable sensation. Its case rests upon the theory that blackmail has been developed into a fine art by a so-called "society" journal, that some of the best known members in the smart set, or their servants or hangers-on, have contributed to its operations, and that wealthy and reputable persons have been its easy victims. When before has New York had a trial which touched human interest at so many points?

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The following five stories are offered by the Black Cat for February: "The Mystification of Wentworth," "The Golden Wedding," "The Fourth at Pilgrim Rest," "Miss Hanscombe—Stenographer," and "The Pine Needle Trail." Storytory Pub. Co., 141 High St., Boston.

The leading feature of "Success Magazine" for February is the beginning of a history of the telephone industry in this country. Cleveland Moffett's continuation of his "The Shameful Misuse of Wealth" series deals this month with "Our Closed and Silent Churches." Montrose J. Moses, in the "Progress of American Playwrights," speaks of the struggles of our native writers in their efforts to develop the American drama. In "Henry Irving's Fight for Fame," Bram Stoker, for twenty-seven years the personal representative of the great actor, gives a short resume of the characteristics that "Princely Storekeeping as a Trade Magnet," by Henry Harrison Lewis, is a description of the sumptuousness of modern business establishments. "Ver" Anderson, one of the cleverest of our humorous artists, contributes a set of special sketches of some of the best-known cartoonists of the country. Charles Saritz's "A Yankee in the South Seas," illustrated by himself, is a bit of humorous travel description.—Washington Square, New York.

Bob Taylor's Magazine is a recent appearance in the literary field, but it is said to have had very encouraging success. The February number has a frontispiece representing the "Republican Court of George Washington." It is a reproduction of a steel engraving of that period, and is followed by interesting pictures of Memorials of George Washington in different parts of the country. Valentine verses are contributed by Charles Hanson Towne, Katherine Glenn and J. H. Beynon. A story of interest is "The Heart of a Woman," by John Hubert Coryn. "The Priestesses of the Emeralds," by Eleanor Griffin McNett, is full of the excitement of treasure seeking—a far cry from Corabelle Anderson Holland's "Under the Law," which deals with the romance of the Israelitish wanderings in the wilderness. Added to these, and other stories, are the regular department—Taylor Pub. Co., Nashville, Tenn.

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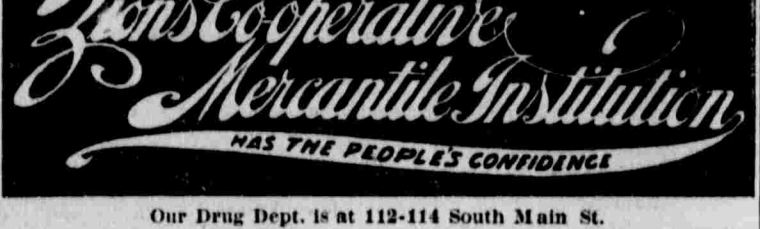
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