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IS HEALTH A MENACE?
The question whether a board of education has the power to expel a healthy child from school, because not vaccinated, was decided in the negative by Judge Paul, of Wheeling, W. V., some months ago.

neutral territory, trade in food stuffs cannot be prohibited; nor can shipments over the border be watched very closely. With the Portuguese territory to the east of the republics in British hands, it should be possible in time to compel submission by simply paralyzing trade and every branch of industry upon which a nation's life depends.

under the United States," as would be the case if the place of a Congressman were deemed to be such an office; but the prohibition is stated in terms which under the plainest principles of interpretation leave no doubt that the framers of the Constitution excluded senators and representatives from the category of persons holding office under the United States.

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS,
Tuesday Jan. 2, and all the Week.

Our Entire Stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Winter Goods must all go. We want the room for fresh shipments now arriving. These goods are Rare Bargain Offers One-third to One-half of the regular price—away below cost. Suits, Waists, Coats, Jackets, Skirts, Capes, Dresses, Fur Scarfs, Collarettes and Capes,

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Table listing various clothing items and their prices, including Ladies' Tailor-made Suits, Children's Reefer Jackets, and Ladies' Tailor-made Suits at half price.

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THE PREVALENT ALARM.
The reported outbreak of smallpox in the southwest part of the city has, unfortunately, created a feeling of alarm which is doing great injury to business. It is driving trade away and preventing the influx of visitors.

IS CLAIMED BY MANY PERSONS who are familiar with smallpox, that in a number of instances, at least, in which it has been decided that smallpox is the malady, only aggravated cases of chicken-pox actually exist. This disease has been epidemic quite recently in many parts of this State, and the pustules that appear on the faces of the patients in a number of instances are larger than usual, and have much the appearance of smallpox, but the high fever and the deadly sickness which attends the more virulent disorder, are absent.

However, we do not wish to say anything to prevent or hinder the precautions which physicians and the board of health and other proper authorities see fit to establish and require. The public health must be protected, and wise measures should receive support from all sensible people.

It is to be expected that most of the orthodox members of the faculty will favor general vaccination, but it is useless for any of them to lay down the dogmatic rule that "vaccination is a sure preventive of smallpox." Facts and figures demonstrate the contrary.

But possibly the emperor spoke merely for effect upon the representatives of the German people. He must ask them for appropriations for a navy, and they have so far strenuously refused to furnish the money. Possibly nothing more serious is intended than an appeal to their patriotism.

Another thing: Doctors who state that no ill-results ever come from vaccination either expose their ignorance or weaken their veracity. There are instances in this city, today, of persons recently vaccinated whose limbs have swollen and turned purple, causing them great suffering and alarm.

The Deseret News does not wish to prevent any person from resorting to vaccination for the spread of disease. It is opposed to assaults upon the liberty of the citizen to the extent which some reckless people propose. The quarantine is frequently a necessity. It should be strictly observed when imposed by the proper authorities.

THE KAISER'S GREETING.
The program of the German Emperor, as announced in his New Year's address, is chiefly composed of military numbers. In effect he said, that as the army now had been brought to a stage as near perfection as possible, the next concern would be the navy.

Europe is somewhat accustomed to the rhetorical flights of Emperor William, so it is possible this utterance will not be seriously considered, outside of Germany. Otherwise the reflection would be near at hand that words of conquest are contemplated.

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THE CITIES DESERTED.
The devastating effects of the South African conflict is graphically described by Consul Stowe, of Capetown, in a report to the State department. He says Johannesburg, in the Transvaal, and Bloemfontein, in the Free State, are now deserted cities.

The outlanders, the consul says, have scattered all over the world. Many of them, too poor to leave the country, live on charity in the cities of Cape Colony and Natal.

A PERTINENT POINT.
The New York Sun raises a point in the controversy, on the right of Utah's Congressman to his seat in the House, which is worthy of general attention. It is of national importance, and the views of the Sun as to the question whether a member of Congress is an officer of the United States, we believe to be sound and impregnable.

There is one feature of the argument, however, which the Sun has apparently not yet perceived. It is this, and it should be understood by all who are interested in the contest: The provisions of the Edmunds act of 1852, creating disabilities of polygamists, etc., expired as to Utah when she entered the Union, as ex-Senator Edmunds has recently explained.

The enabling act for the admission of Utah, removed those disabilities designedly, in terms, so as to permit all male citizens of the United States, twenty-one years of age and upwards, who had resided in the territory one year, without regard to their former status, to take part in the formation of the State, voting for and acting as delegates to the Constitutional convention.

Full power to prescribe the qualifications of voters and office holders was vested in the State convention, and that body gave the franchise to all citizens, male and female, of the proper age and residence. The State was admitted to the Union by proclamation of the President with that provision. Therefore, the disabilities created by former acts of Congress are dead as to Utah and were buried by the Enabling Act.

Those who are attempting to exclude Brigham H. Roberts from the seat in the House of Representatives to which he was elected by the people of the State of Utah, rely upon the act of Congress commonly known as the Edmunds law, as the justification and warrant for their course.

The eighth section of that statute provides that no polygamist, bigamist or any person cohabiting with more than one woman in any Territory or other place over which the United States have exclusive jurisdiction shall be "eligible for election or appointment, or be entitled to hold any office or place of public trust, honor or emolument in, under or for any such Territory or place, or under the United States."

The validity of this conclusion depends upon the question whether the office of a representative in Congress is an office under the United States. The weight of legal authority is strongly in favor of the proposition that it is not.

The House of Representatives in 1897 presented articles of impeachment against William Blount, a senator from the State of Tennessee, charging him with conspiring to set on foot a hostile military expedition against the territories of the King of Spain, in Florida and Louisiana, and with other high crimes and misdemeanors.

SOLDIERS' LAND RIGHT.
A correspondent at Independence, Fremont county, Idaho, asks the "News" if there is such a thing as a soldier's right in taking up government land. Soldiers who have served the United States have a right of credit to their residence on land of the number of years, up to four, that they have been in the service.

That Anglo-German understanding seems to be a little uncertain of its footing just now. New York is now in the hands of a gas and electric light trust. It is anything but light on the taxpayers.

Illinois street railway strikers are using dynamite to blow up street cars. A just cause does not require such diabolism to promote it.

Is this a time of quick changes? Two weeks ago the Germans and British were throwing themselves into each other's arms. Now they are just itching to get into each other's hair.

That "pleasant and friendly interview" said to have been held between the German Emperor and Mr. Chamberlain would have been a highly animated scene if deferred until today.

The number of best sugar factories now operating and proposed in the region once known as the Great American desert, indicates a much smaller waste of "sweetness on the desert air" than formerly.

The Cleveland Plain Dealer's New Year's number is a very interesting issue of that paper. Among the notables of the century mentioned in its columns is Joseph Smith, the "Mormon" Prophet, of whom that paper gives a very fair portrait, also a cut of the Kirtland Temple. It is a brief history of the rise and progress of "Mormonism" in Ohio. Although that is not quite accurate, it contains some reliable information, and coming from a non-Mormon source, may be considered quite fair and without intentional misrepresentation.

Chicago Times-Herald. The record of our own country's growth leads and reflects the progress of the world in the nineteenth century. In 1899 the second United States census gave us a population of 5,308,483. The last estimate of the treasury department credits us with 76,828,000 souls. Washington and Manila are touched today than were New York and Philadelphia one hundred years ago.

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FINANCIAL FLURRY. Baltimore Sun. The speculative or gambling spirit is always particularly in evidence in "boom" times. Many individuals and firms, in spite of the melancholy teachings of experience, plunge into the speculative path that leads to destruction.

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