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CHURCH AND POLITICS.

Undoubtedly, we shall hear a great deal again about Church interference in politics. It is an old story which is always rolled upon for an impreswion, like the terrible tales told in the nursery-room. It has the force of an argumentum ad hominem, and goes without proof.

It may be Just as well, therefore, tosay again that the Church is not in politics, and does not believe in church interference in politics. This was stated emphatically and unequivocally in the Address to the World, accepted as the declaration of the Church at the Conference held here last April. It is the duty of those who assert that the Church interferer in politics to prove their assertion, or desist from making It. The Church has its ward meetings. stake meetings and general conferences where the business of the Church, or the various divisions of it, is transneted. You will not find politics among the subjects discussed at those meetings, any more than you will find It the theme, generally, of the sermons | the fleet. The government circles in the various churches. For individual indiscretion. If there has been any, the Church is not responsible.

But most of those who speak of Church interference in politics, do not mean that the Church interferes, but that prominent men of the Church do. One gentleman, whom the anti-"Mormen" organ heartily commends for "flaying the Church," is reported to

"I believe that the leaders of the Church, in justice to themselves and to others, should make a public statement, and make it in the tabernacle and in as many other places as may be necessary, that they are not in politics and would say that they would describe and regulate any member denounce and repudinte any member of the Church who used the name of the Church to influence the vote of a single citizen. 'I believe that the leaders of the Church' owe this to themselves and to its members."

If he is correctly reported, he holds that not only should the Church be kept out of politics, but the leaders of the Church should individually abstain from taking any part in what he calls politics. Many are similarly mixed on this proposition. They do not seem to realize the difference between action taken by the Church, as an association, or society, and individual action by citizens who may be prominent officlais in the Church. It is strange that this distinction should be lost sight of, Ex-Senator Dubois, in one of his lucid moments, made it very clear, when he said, as reported by the Tribune of

But in the main, the leading men of the Mormon Church, so far as my ob-servation goes, have abstained from invoking ecclesiastical authority in the guidance of political events, and have been content to either remain quies-cent, or even slient, in politics, or at most to assert themselves merely as individuals. And even in these cases where a charge of church interference would justly lie, if at all, it is a matter of congranulation that the people have of congranulation that the people have expressed their individual influence in their party councils and at the ballat boxes, and have usither sought nor heeded the attempted control of polltical matters by ecclesiastical power."

—Proceedings before the Committee on Privilence and Elections of the on Privileges and Elections of the United States Senate, Vol. II., Page

The right of Church men, whether prominent or not, to fulfill all the duties of American citizenship will not be disputed by anyone. There is no law, written or unwritten, that prohibits an American citizen from interesting himself in the government of the community in which he lives, because of any ecclesiastical position be may hold. We have not heard any severe criticism on the Ministerial association for devoting part of its time to the discussion of politics and the passing of resolutions.

As to the wisdom of prominen church men-we refer to all churchestaking prominent part in politics, opinions may differ. It may be said that they have not the time required to pay proper attention to such subjects. Or, it may be argued that church members of all political parties should know that they can lank to them for impartial advice and guidance.

Such arguments may have their weight under ordinary streinustanees. But, unfortunately, politics in Utah, owing to the peculiar character of some of those who have assumed leadership, are entirely out of the ordinary. Here bigotry has been coined into political capital. A party exists here, the organ of which insists on the mixture of religion and polities in a very un-American manner. And its political onclaughts are directed against the Church. Its avowed aim, as announced a couple of years ago, was to deliver a "body blow to the Church." It has followed this policy ever since, and only recently it loudly demanded the dismissis of all "Mormon" officers from the local police force, because of their religious affiliations. Under the extraordinary circumstances thus created by plotters, would the prominent men of the Church that is assalled be justified in remaining passive and doing nothing? Is it not natural that they should use whatever influence they may have as citizens in the interest of the restor-

ation of normal conditions and peace? What would the prominent men of any other church do under similar cir. cumstances? Suppose the Catholic church were thus assailed; suppose a all at once to the blood in the body. political party should announce its pat- would constitute 1% per cent of the to-

ley as anti-Catholic; would the prominent men of that church remain allent and inactive? There was a "kultur-Rampf" in Germany during the strenuous days of Bismarck, directed against the Catholics; did there see their prome ment men driven from office without an effort to turn the political ourrent n another direction? Did the Catheles of France admit without a struggle to the oscasures that recently were directed against them? Not at all,

We do not welleve in the mixture of religion and politics. As for the "News." 'this paper has no intention of enfering the field of partison politics, but we will continue to protest against he un-American practices of the ussallants of the Church and the defainers of the State and community. We know that we are in the right in this, and that the right ultimately will pre-

RUSSIA'S REVOLUTION.

A St. Petersburg paner gives some figures showing the number of victims of the revolution in Russia up to the present time. According to these figures, over \$7.600 persons have suffered death or wounds since the first massacre on Red Sunday, January 22, 1905. Of these, the dead are given at 19,144, of whom nearly 13,090 fell in combat between the populace and the soldlers and nolice. The number of executions is given at 2.381, but this is supplemented by no less than 1.350 cases of suicide. No less than 3,222 government officials of all kinds are reported to have fullen by assissination. The number of executions and suicides to escape execution is only 3.731, so the government has actually suffered more casualties than the revolutionists.

But notwithstanding these appalling figures, the revolution is making apparently, but little headway. An Ams erican press representative writing from St. ePtersburg, a short time ago, declared the government now etronger than it has been for several years. Last summer there were mutinies in Kronstadt Sweaborg, and in were anxious; all opposition parties were discussing the best means of punishing the administration for the dissolution of the Doums. The spirit of fight was in the nir. Now the government is confident, while a general spirit of anathy and discouragement prevails among the masses. The second Doumb, though a far more creditable one than the first, lost its hold upon the people. The land owners many of whose homes the peasants have plundered, have become far more conservative than formerly. The business classes, too, have got fired of seeing their profits destroyed by the general condition of unrest, and give stronger support to the government. The reasants and the workingmen feel the hopelessness of the present struggle. "Every one is sick and tired of the revolution."

Still, the probability is that it will succeed, some time. The peasants have learend that they cannot go against soldiers, with bare fists and without generals. The next time they rise for liberty, they will be better equipped. The cause of liberty is

LONDON TIMES THUNDERS.

The London Times professes to have nade the discovery that the anti-Asiatic riots in Vancouver were instigated by agitators from Scattle. If this is true, there may be occasion for the of notes on t between our government and that of Great Britain

But it is not necessary to ascribe the outbreak to agitators in this country. The laborers of British Columbia are aware of the menace that is threatening them. Those who have studied the situation thoroughly claim that the question of Japanese immigration "largely occupies the minds of the British Columbians," and it is "difficult and acute." The provincial legislature, it is pointed out, has two or three times passed an act for the exclusion of any immigrant who does not speak at least one European tanguage, but the Dominton and imperial governments will not sanction such a measure, as the opposition of Japan is taken for granted, But "provincial feeling cannot be lightly overruled," and the majority of the people of British Columbia are determined to put an end to unrestricted immigration of Japanese

Where such feelings exist, rlots can nestly be accounted for. It is not neensury to cross the border and go into another country, to hunt for their

SIGNS OF DEGENERACY.

The Scientific Temperance Federaon, an organization with headquarters flosion, is gathering data from all ver the world bearing on the temperthre question. In a recent bulletin by he association a contributor to a German medical paper is quoted as being of the opinion that degeneracy is in evidence in the German nation, and that this is due to the consumption of alcoholic liquors. These are said to be among the indications of degeneracy; The decline of the ability of women to nurse their infants; the increase of dental troubles, of nervousness in children, of mental diseases, of youthful oriminals, of children who are backward in study and difficult to control the great number of epileptics and idiots; and lastly, the increasing craze

for the pursuit of pleasure. This writer pushes the inquiry into the cause of this evident physical deterioration, and he finds that stupidity a a trait of the children of alcoholimothers; that the family blatory of the eriminal is often alcoholte; and he shows the physiological train of causes between the drinker's poisoned body cells and the deteriorated offspring. He argues. A solution of one part of alcohol to 1,000 parts of Water has been shown to retard considerably the development of cags. Eags batched even in air containing alcoholic vapor brought out weak chicks that had eptleptic fits and lived only a short time. An ounce of alcohol, if it were added

tal volume (i.e. 1 part to 66), This selfor actually happens in real life, but the difference between this and a dilution of one part of 1,500 leaves a wide

eral condition in the civilized world. But the consumption of intextents wins to be on the increase in spite of all efforts of temperature people.

No man is a nero to his creditors,

Dogs do not shed their bark. It

Ceal, conl everywhere but not a bit

to buy or burn. As the great relf-contradictor Fred

T. Dubots is easily first. The Newhouse home is to be en-

larged. Why not build a new house? If Wellman will not make any ex-

planation of his failure, all will be for-

The board of directors of the Assoristed Press have met and the strike

inegely because he does not rise to

Not crossing the bar but crossing the

Ford is one of San Francisco's present Why doesn't the University give its football students a course in first aid

to the injured? In a political campaign "undesirable citizens" are those who refuse to see as the bosses say.

A train behind time should never he run on the theory of nothing venture, nothing gain.

"Texas in bad shape," says an exchange. Its shape is the same as it always has been.

Those straw hats at which people still poke fun are Indian summer straw hats, be it understood,

If he would be a benefactor of mankind, let Lather Burbank produce a rose without a thorn.

Those who went to Brigham City vesterday say that the young ladies there are the real peaches.

When one contemplates the size of the Standard Oil company profits, Judge Landis' fine does not seem so

Representative Burton's explanation of his candidacy for mayor of Cleveland is that Cleveland suffers from 100 much Johnson.

Warrants have been issued for foureen of the chief grafters involved in the Pennsylvania state capitol scandal Verily they have their reward.

Harry Thaw is anxious to have his trial. Let it be as speedily as possible, but in the name of humanity and common decency, let it be behind closed

Crown Princess Cecile's pie-man is in he country to learn about American cooking. He should be careful not to step up to the "ple counter," That is for home consumption only.

THE NAWSTY AMERICANS.

Los Angeles Express. The London Times does not always Thunder satisfyingly. Too much tyeopodium assists its lightings, and the sound of rattling sheet from too audibly enriches the attempted diapason of its thunder effects. It seeks to extricate England from a somewhat embarrassing situation by seriously asserting that the Vancouver riots have been instigated by a few American agitators, and of this assertion it declares it has amply sufficient proof. The American agitator has achieved considerable ingenuity and a fairly helpful experience, but we doubt if either quality would enable him to corrupt a great Canadian province or The London Times does not always hunder satisfyingly. Too much lycocorrupt a great Canadian province or put threatening speech in the mouths of members of a provincial parliament. The plea entered by the leading Lon-don daily would be characterized by don daily would be characterized by some who more esteem vigor of thought than elegance of speech, as "playing the baby act." It is at least somewhat juvenile.

THE RACE CONFLICTS.

Los Angeles Times.

The rioting against Hindus, Japanese and Chinese at Bellingham and Vancouver has aroused the statesmen of the world to the imminence of the crists. It has taught the Japanese that the sporadic demonstrations which have been made against them at San Francisco and elsewhere were not purely anti-Japanese, but rather, anti-oriental. It has shown Groat Britain that she also must help to solve the great problem which has been pressing for years with growing insistence upon the United States. And it has awakened the thoughtful men of all mees, cast and west, to the realization that now must come the supreme test of the new civilization. Los Angeles Times.

ONE-TENTH OF PANAMA CANAL DONE.

Minucapolis Tribune. This is considered rather remarkable a view of the fact that August is the ulaniastica of the rainy season, with a sinfall this year of nearly 12 inches. The labor and health problem seems a have been salved by the long and only prolimbars work. o have been solved by the long and oatly preliminary work. More than 3,000 people are now at work on the anal and rallway and the strip contains several thousand additional labores for relief. Sixty-three steam showle are in operation and M more are on the way. The death and sick rate is ever than in large American cities, and the men are said to be in high dirits. These results have not been allied without liberal expenditure of oney. The total estimated cost of the inal including fifty millions of initial cat, is \$105,000.000. Of this nearly want of the contains and the strip in the contains the contains and the contains the contains and the contains and the contains the contains and the contains and the contains and the contains the sighty millions have been actually appropriated and expenditures have are ted a deficit for the present year. Evidently the total estimates will have the revised.

CAUSE OF EMIGRATION.

Los Angeles Examiner Segutor Dütingnam of Vermon chairman of the Congressional cou mittee to investigate Foreign Immigra militee to investigate Foreign Immigration, says he finds a general condition of prosperity provaling in Europe. Owing to the large exodus for America, the class of agricultural laborers is almost exhausted in many countries. This, with other causes, has made a httproposition to the emigration movement. In most European lands, he reports that to prevent or to lessen such movement has become a "paramount

question," "A very large proportion of male emigrants," he says, "leave their native countries at a time when they are liable to mititary service there tion of one part of 1,500 leaves a wide range for injurious pre-natal influences to the human young.

If there are avidences of degeneracy in one nation, they only indicate a gen-

JUST FOR FUN.

A Corner in Language

Nonh Websier was a benefactor to "But a near business man, declared Mr. Gotroz. "If I had known him, we'd be drawing royalties on all them words this very minute."—Pitsburg Post.

The Heroic Bodgers (in horse trough to would-be resoure); "Neve' mind me. I can a-shwim, Save th' women and children," (Continues to women and children," (Continues to strike out manfully for the shore.)— London Sketch,

The Very Best.

Governor Hughes is a rising man and confidence in business?"

"Rell me," said the ambitious young man. "What do you consider the best foundation for success in business?"

"Recks," promptly replied the wise old merchant.—Philadelphia Press.

Their Appearance.

Little Wattle Wombat. Dem White gen'lemen dat runs de autymobiles looks sawtah funny, doesn't dey, Pop-

Mr. Wombat Dey sho' does, muh son! Minds me, in de face, de most of em does, of a pusson dat has been sent for and couldn't come, and is don shot in de proximity wid a box o' tacks for not comin',—Puck.

According to Size.

Effic. Where do the mermalds sleep, papa?
Papa. The little ones in the cradic of the deep, and the big ones in the bed of the ocean, my child—Chicago

An Explosion.

Senior Partner. I learn, Mr. Smith, that while I was gone Mr. Gaybay was intoxicated. Why didn't you fire him? Junior Partner. I didn't know he was loaded.—Brooklyn Eagle.

His Knowledge. Van Antier. Does the new butler know where to keep the wine? Mrs. Van A. Judging from his ap-pearance, he thinks he ought to carry it around himself.—Life,

"Yes," said the Chicago girl, "she's pretty, cultured and kind of swell, She's in right in our town," "But." said the Boston girl, disdainfully, "her forefathers?" "Oh! don't make it worse than it really is. She's only had three."—Philadelphia Record.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

October Youth's Magazine is a num ber with 17 short stories and a com-plete novelette. Youth's aims to "keep out of the rut" of average magazing fiction and every tale in the number is fiction and every tale in the number is unusual in atmosphere and plot. "The Ordeal," a complete novelette by Lindsay Bashford, a well known English writer, has a during theme. "When the Door Shuts," by Forrest Halsey, is melodramatic in its tension of interest. In "A Sweetheart from the Clouds," Gilbert P. Coleman has written an unusual story of a girl and a balloon and "An Artist's Model," by Frank Sweet, is a love story.—114-116 Bust 28th St., New York.

In the September number of the North American Review the editor announces that the experiment of publishing twice a month is to be discontinued, and that hereafter the Review will appear monthly. It will be enlarged and improved in form, but the price will be reduced. With its new cover, of artistic appropriately dignified design, the Review is a strikingly handsome magazine. In the first of a series of articles on "The Great Minds of America," which the Review is to furnish its ca," which the Review is to furnish its readers, a tribute is paid to Goldwin Smith, a striking portrait of whom is readers, a tribute is paid to Goldwin Smith, a striking portrait of whom is published as a frontispiece. In the twenty-second chapter of Mark Twain's gautobiography, as in the preceding chapters, wit, humor, and philosophical reflection are delightfully blended. President Woodrow Wilson of Princeton writes on "The Author and Signers of the Declaration of Independence," The late Senator J. T. Morgan extols "The Powers of the States of the Union." In a charming study of Joris-Karl Huysmans, James Huneker represents the life and work of that well known writer as "The Pessimist's Progress." Ida Husted Harper describes the present status of the movement for "Woman Suffrage Throughout the World." Prof. Charles A. Briggs finds in the papacy "The Great Obstacle to the Reunion of Christendom." Erving Winslow surnestly advocates the withdrawal of the United States from the Philippines, and the neutralization of the archipelago by agreement with the other great powers. Louise Collier Willcox contirbutes a paper on "The Poetle Drama." Albert Dean Currier strongly er great powers. Louise Collier Willcox confirbutes a paper on "The Poetlo Drama." Albert Dean Currier strongly deprecates "Government by Executive Rulings." Frank D. Pavey sests forth certain implications of the recent imposition of "The Standard Oil Fine." Allen Grey Hoyt throws light upon the "Position of the Securities Market," and Emanuel Lasker predicts that chess, of which he is the world's chamand Emanuel Lasker predicts that chess, of which he is the world's champion, will be the game of the future. In the literary department, "Howells' "Through the Eye of the Needle" is reviewed by Royal Cortissoz; Hacckel's "Last Words on Evolution" by Christian Gauss; and New Memories of Beaconsfield by Julius Chambers. The department of World Politics contains communications from Paris and Washistian. Among the tonics deals with in Among the topics dealt with in Cure;" "Of Love, Fic Ladies,"—New York.

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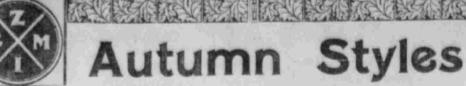
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