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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 relied upon for an impression, like the terrible tales told in the nursery-room.

It may be just as well, therefore, to say 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.

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.

"I believe that the leaders of the church, in justice to themselves and to others, should make a public statement in as many other places as may be necessary, that they are not in politics and would say that they would denounce and repudiate any member of the church who used the name of the church to influence the vote of a single citizen."

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.

The London Times professes to have made the discovery that the anti-Asiatic riots in Vancouver were instigated by agitators from Seattle.

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.

Where such feelings exist, riots can easily be accounted for. It is not necessary to cross the border and go to another country, to hunt for their origin.

As to the wisdom of prominent church men—we refer to all churches—taking prominent part in politics, opinions may differ.

Such arguments may have their weight under ordinary circumstances. But unfortunately politics in Utah, owing to the peculiar character of some of those who have assumed leadership, are entirely out of the ordinary.

What would the prominent men of any other church do under similar circumstances? Suppose the Catholic church were thus assailed; suppose a political party should announce its plat-

form as anti-Catholic; would the prominent men of that church remain silent and inactive? There was a "Kulturkampf" in Germany during the strenuous days of Bismarck, directed against the Catholics; did these see their prominent men driven from office without an effort to turn the political current in another direction?

RUSSIA'S REVOLUTION.

A St. Petersburg paper gives some figures showing the number of victims of the revolution in Russia up to the present time. According to these figures, over 47,000 persons have suffered death or wounds since the first massacre on Red Sunday, January 22, 1905.

But notwithstanding these appalling figures, the revolution is making apparently, but little headway. An American press representative, writing from St. Petersburg, a short time ago, declared the government now is stronger than it has been for several years.

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question." "A very large proportion of male emigrants," he says, "leave their native countries at a time when they are liable to military service there, and this constitutes a strong objection to such emigrants."

If there are evidences of degeneracy in one nation, they only indicate a general condition in the civilized world. But the consumption of intoxicants seems to be on the increase in spite of all efforts of temperance people.

No man is a hero to his creditors. Dogs do not shed their bark. It peals.

Coal, coal everywhere but not a bit to buy or buy.

As the great self-contradictor Fred T. Dubois is easily first.

The Newhouse home is to be enlarged. Why not build a new house?

If Wellman will not make any explanation of his failure, all will be forgiven.

Governor Hughes is a rising man and largely because he does not rise to speak.

The board of directors of the Associated Press have met and the strike goes on.

Not crossing the bar but crossing the Ford is one of San Francisco's present problems.

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 be 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 Luther Burbank produce a rose without a thorn.

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JUST FOR FUN. A Corner in Language. "Noah Webster was a benefactor to the human race."

The Heroic Rodgers (in horse trough to would-be resuser). "Never mind me, I can swim. I have the woman and children." "Continue to strike out manfully for the shore."—London Sketch.

All at Sea. "Tell me," said the ambitious young man. "What do you consider the best foundation for success in business?" "Rocks," promptly replied the wise old merchant.—Philadelphia Press.

Their Appearance. Little Wattie Wombat. Dem white gentlemen dat runs de automobiles looks sawtah funny, doesn't dey, Poppy?"

According to Size. Effie. Where do the mermaids sleep, papa? Papa. The little ones in the cradle of the deep, and the big ones in the bed of the ocean, my child.—Chicago Journal.

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

His Knowledge. Van Antler. Does the new butler know where to keep the silver? Mrs. Van A. Judging from his appearance, 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 out of the rat" of average magazine fiction and every tale in the number is unusual in atmosphere and plot.

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