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THE TABERNACLE CHOIR.

Thursday evening is the regular time for practice by the Tabernacle choir, Every member thereof should endeavor to attend. Unless this rule is followed, it is impossible to maintain the musical status and high reputation of the choir, of which every Salt Laker is deservedly proud. It is due to the conductor, Professor Evan Stephens, that regard should be had to his wishes on this important point. His heart is in the work of musical progress, and his ambition is to lead the choir under his charge to the highest attainable standard. This cannot be achieved except by regular practice and union and sin-

cerity of effort. The choir has many things to contend with. Its members are engaged in other occupations. They are not hired or salaried musicians. Their services are rendered for the love of the art, their devotion to the Church, and their regard for the public. The majority of them are employed in labors that take up most of their time. Some of them belong to ward choirs and have to attend their home practice meetings. Many of the male singers are ward teachers, and connected with quorums or auxiliary associations. Duties connected with their callings in the Priesthood must be attended to. These leave them but little leisure time in the evenings.

The question arises, which shall take precedence, choir practices or quorum and ward obligations? Of course, duties in the Priesthood must have the first claim upon the Elders. They cannot be rightly set aside. But we believe that if the importance of attendance on Tabernacle choir practice was duly appreclated, arrangements might be made, by which other duties could be performed at times other than those of choir practice.

e suggest We th Presidents of quorums and associations, that, so far as may be consistent with existing requirements, they so arrange their meetings, that members who belong to the Tabernacle choir shall be able to attend its regular practices. This, understand, is not intended to interfere in any way with the duties required by any office in the Priesthood. but as a suggestion for mutual benefit and harmony. The choir is often disarranged by the calling of some of its members to go on missions, and by other vacancies made in its ranks. New recruits are needed, and they have to be trained. It is a constant labor, at least, to keep the choir up to its excellent reputation. Every ald, therefore, that can be rendered to the leader should be extendrd, Newcomers with good voices should be recommended and advised to join the choir. All belonging to it should enter into the spirit of its work, and remember that progress marks the movements of the musical world, as well as other agencies that are to work for the glory of the coming century, and the Tabernac's choir must not fall a step behind, in the grand march of the age towards the goal of perfection.

exposed to contagion, and the disinfection of all things that have been worn ir used by the afflicted. Every precaution possible should be taken to stamp out the contagious eruption from which many persons are suffering, whether It is genuine variols or anything else the germs of which appear to be in the ain

Atmospheric conditions have much to do with epidemics, and the condition of the blood is another important factor in their spread, Science and statistics show that the diseases called diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, chicken-pox. measles, etc., are fostered by filth, and decreased by sanitation and hygiene. Diphiheria and scarlet fever although they do not create the dread caused by the very name of smallpox, have been fatal in this State in a number of instances, while the prevalent

disorder has not swelled the death list. Therefore, while the latter should be guarded against by every effective means known to science and experience, the others should not be neglected nor treated as of less importance. By following good counsel and using good sense, the public health will be promoted and preserved and threat. ened dangers will be averted.

LOOK AT THE WINDOWS.

This is the time when the windows of the great stores put on their holiday appearance, to the delight of the general public and especially the children, whose expectations of a visit from Santa Claus thereby are kept aglow.

Window decoration has become one of the fine arts, and few realize the time and money spent on it. It must be clear to all, though, that the striking effects, the artistic grouping of articles. the infinite variety of designs, can only be attained after careful study and long practice, just like proficiency in . painting or music.

The object is, of course, purely mercenary, to attract customers; but even from an esthetic point of view it pays well to take a walk through the business streets and look at the holiday windows. The displays are often true works of art, and Salt Lake business men are not behind any in the large business centers of the country.

A HUMANE DISPOSITION.

The story is told of an Ohio lady, whose daughter had been murdered by a jealous woman, that she agreed to a charge of manslaughter against the murderess, instead of the more serious charge of murder in the first degree. This was done ostensibly for humane and sentimental reasons, but in reality for the purpose of securing some kind of punishment, the supposition being that no jury could be found willing to convict the accused of an offense, the penalty of which is death. The posltion of the bereaved mother, as stated by herself, was this: "I could not rest

content that the trouble which has cost my daughter her life should go unpunished, but it could bring to me and mine no comfort nor could it lessen our sorrow that another life be taken in vengeance for our loss. This could not restore my daughter to me, nor blot out the weeks of anguish which have been made her and our portion. I know

a large army. The general who marches als troops at the wrong season can easily ruin his country, especially if he easily run his country, especially if the does not know the country through which he marches, and if his supply of provisions is insufficient. The greatest proof of a general's ability is shown when he keeps his own movements se-cret, but finds out the movements of the enemy day by day. Place the enemy in a position where nother his advance super his toget wing not his

idvance guard, his right wing nor his eff wing, can hold its own, and you vill beat the main body. It is evident that the Chinese are still following out these instructions. hoping for final victory through avoid ing battles, spreading faise news, and

keeping their own movements secret. ABOUT THE GULF STREAM.

The common supposition that Great Britain and the Scandinavian countries owe their mild climate to the Gulf Stream is, it seems, erroneous. Elaborate theories have been constructed to account for the existence in the ocean of this current, to which the open harbors of Norway, during the winter, even as far north as Hammerfest, is credited. But now Harvey Maitland Watts, in an article in the Monthly Weather Review, the ould il organ of the United States Weather Bureau, wijes out these theories, and almost relegates the stream uself to the domain of my'r.

He says: "By itself along the Culf Stream has as much offect on the climate of regim-western Europe as the fly in the fatto had in carrying the starse see up the hill. The mild climate of northwestern Europe is due, you to the Gulf Stream but to the prevailing eastward and northeastward drift of the circumpolar atmospheric circulation, whose for currents, and not the Gulf Stream, du whose Lerni tribute the peat conserved by the whole Atlantic Ocean north of latitude 35 de grees (roughly) over Europe. The en tire surface of the Atlantic Ocean north of the region of the trade winds, or rather, north and west of the center of the great north Atlantic anticyclone. is drifted to the northeast by the pre-vailing aerial drift, which drift, and not the ocean currents, carries the beneficent influences of the ocean over the European islands and the shores to the east and northeast. The Gulf Stream, itself a result of wind mo-tion, being produced by the joint action of the Atlantic anticyclones, is not distinguishable in temperature or "set" from the rest of the ocean by the time gets east of Newfoundland, yet it has been given the credit that belongs to the whole mass of the Atlantic, so fail

as the latent power to affect climate is concerned, while at the same time the determining function played by the aerial currents of the great circumpolar drift is completely ignored. The same fallacy prevails as to the power of the Japan current to affect the coastal climate of northwestern North Ameri-

These bicycle ordinances are getting o be a sort of wheels within wheels.

In a run on a bank depositors usualy have to stand for hours and hours.

Havana is a most delightful winter resort, but Defaulter Neely strongly objects to going there.

Mr. Kruger's new visiting cards will bear this legend, in bold faced type, in the left hand corner, P. P. C.

As a money getter President Harper of the University of Chicago is next to Mr. John D. Rockefeller.

The fathers of some of our politicians must have eaten sour grapes for their children's teeth seem to be set on what suffering means as no one can dge

bas-relief and impenetrable stupidity could persist in the midst of nineteenth century enlightenment and progress. SHIP SUBSIDY NOTES.

New York World.

Subsidies can only be paid to ship-builders and ship-owners by first taking the money out of the pockets of all the rest of the people who are not in that line of business. A subsidy sys-tem to be just must subsidize every class of citizens, and equally. And no-body would care to have such a sys-

Baltimore Sun.

In an article by Mr. B. Taylor in the December Forum on the development of shipping it is held, in effect, that no subsidy is wanted for American ship-ping if the press of shippers of mersubsidy is wanted for American ship-ping if the ""rest of shippers of mer-chandise as distinguished from build-ers and owners of ships is the main consideration. "The American Repub-lie," says Mr. Taylor, "produces more than it consumes, and a foreign mar-ket must be found for the surplus, but so far as the disposal of the surplus is concerped it does not matter by what nationality of vessel it is car-ried. While it is natural that America should have a merchant mavy in prohould have a merchant navy in pro-ortion to her national greatness, such navy is by no means essential to he prosperity of her import and export trade.

New York Mall and Express. A Republican Congress should have the courage to be as fair to the ship-ping interests of the country as it has een to the manufacturing and commercial interests. No reasonable ex-cuse can now be offered for any further delay in the enactment of a law that restore the American flag to its There is no need to argue at length in advocacy of such legislation, for the facts are too palpable and present conditions too humiliating to American pride for any honest difference of opinon regarding the necessities of the situation or the remedy.

Boston Transcript.

The opponents of subsidy, and they are not limited to one party, will unquestionably raise the point that the remarkable increase of shipbuilding in the United States of late is evidence that the industry will make its way without the stimulus of subsidy. This argument is one that facts will not bear out, for on examination it will be found that scarcely a vessel is put into the water in the United States that does not in some way or other receive protecting support from the United States. The greater proportion of the shipping launched in the United States is for the coastwise trade. Of the 22,611 tons added to our merchant marine in the month of November by construction, 15,239 tons were for the coastwise trade. Of the total tonnage almost one-third of \$255 tons gross was to be credited to one steamer, the Son-oma, built for trade with Australia, New Zealand, etc.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The reading of the President's mesesulted in the fight on the ship subsidy ill in the Senate beginning yesterday Instead of today, as had been arranged. Mr. Frye called up the bill the first thing yesterday, and it was immediate-ly antagonized by Senator Jones on beof the opposition. The friends of the bill were in the majority, as was known to be the case, and the bill was taken up by a vote of 28 to 30. Senator Frye made the opening speech in sup-next of the bill port of the bill.

Kansas City Star. The only possible reason for the adoption of such a measure would be the presumption that America cannot compete in ship building with Great Britain. It is admitted that steel, the principal material used in construction. is cheaver here than obvioud and that is cheaper here than abroad, and that American labor is the most efficient in the world. Great Britain's only advan-tage lies in the size of her yards. But



SIMPLE REMEDIES.

We have received inquiries from people at a distance, as to "a safe and simple remedy or treatment or preventive for smallpox." We therefore reproduce the following, which has been published several times in the "News:" This was used many years ago in London during a severe epidemic of smallpox, both as a curative and a preventive, and considered efficacious by many prominent physicians, so much so that it was recommended in other parts of England, namely;

Two ounces cream of tartar, One ounce Eprom salts, One lemon sliced,

One quart boiling water,

Sweeten to taste and drink cold. Dose for an adult, small wine-glassful three times a day, or its equivalent morning and evening.

The following prescription has been used with great success in severe cases of smallpox as a curative, and it has also been highly recommended as a preventive, but we have no personal knowledge of its effects in the latter direction, as we have of the first-named Temedy:

Sulphate of zinc, one grain; Foxglove (digitalis) one grain;

Sugar, half a teaspoonful; Water, two teaspoonfuls;

When thoroughly mixed add four ounces of water.

Dose for adult, a teaspoonful every hour; for children smaller doses according to age.

health given by revelation and by true acience: Care as to diet, cleanliness of person, of home and surroundings. The interment of decaying organic matter. The filling up or draining away of stagnant pools. The isolation of diseased

who has not undergone affliction such as mine; and a vengeance, adding to the sufferings of others who are innocent of wrong themselves could bring no balm to my heart."

The sentiments here expressed cannot but be respected, even if it is difficult to understand by what reasoning they are arrived at. It should not be called "vengeance" to let the law take its course, to give to murder its proper name, and to leave to the properly constituted authorities how to deal with it.

'Vengeance" would be to exact punishment in a manner not prescribed by

It speaks well, though, for the human heart that it is capable of sympathy even for those whose hands are dipped in the life blood of their fellow beings. It is an evidence of relationship to the Divine Author of the ever memorable prayer, "Father, forgive them." It is shown to some degree in the reluctance with which death sentences are passed in the most enlightened countries; it is shown in the desire, especially among women, to render the last hours of condemned crimi-

nals, bearable. Were human beings totally depraved, in the sense that every spark of divine light had been extinguished from their nature, they would exhibit but delight in the sufferings of others. There would be no prosecuting attorneys proposing to have murderers tried for manslaugh-

ter; no popular revolt against electrocuting women, and no flowers for criminals at the foot of the scaffold. It may be all foolishness, in the view of stern philosophy, but it certainly is an evidence of the yearning of human nature for higher conditions than those to which the world now is subjected, and which can be obtained only through universal acceptance of the

Gospel of Jesus. CHINESE RULES ON WAR,10

A Shanghai paper publishes a synopsis of the rules on military tactics by which Chinese officers are supposed to conduct their wars. They may not be strictly in accordance with European modern rules, but they are nevertheless interesting, because they show the military wisdom of the human race thousands of years ago. The following extract is given by the Literary Digest:

"Wars are always won by battles, but thyself." by diplomacy as well. It is the gen-eral's duty to entice the enemy into a conference, when he can be suddenly attacked and cut down. The best men in the enemy's camp should be cor-rupted, the ones given to vice must be bribed. Be certain to sow dissension, send plenty of women into the enemy's bribed. camps, and assist the men to lead a vicious life, which will weaken them. spread false news to mislead them, cut off their supplies and tire them with iseless marches. Endeavor to arrange we again urge upon our readers the necessity of observing the rules of health given by revalation

"If your force is ten times as strong as that of the enemy, you must en-deavor to surround him; if five times as strong, attack the enemy from more than one direction at once. If you are only a little stronger, keep some forces in reserve. If weaker than the enemy. in reserve. If weaker than the enemy, evade battle. With prudence and discipersons and of those who have been | pline, even a small force may overcome | istic depravity, and as evidence of how

As a platform talker Minister Wu is making a very considerable success. His danger is that of "two muchee talkee.

The Sultan's protestations of high regard for Captain Colby Chester should not be regarded as anything. more than a Turkish cymbal.

> In the six-day bloycle race in Madison Square Garden once more is the old saying, "It's the pace that kills" proven to be true.

In Pekin the ministers do not have to wait till the 14th of February to see the bear's shadow. They see it, or think they do, every day,

Long live the American hen! During the past year she produced fourteen billion eggs worth one hundred and seventy-five million dollars.

It is not stated whether Sir Robert T. Reid, M. P., is an artist, but at any rate he paints a very dark picture of conditions in South Africa.

The German army is to have a new ciffe. The way in which the emperor's troops have been rifling Chinese treasures makes it look as though they needed a new rifle.

That Dewet should continue to elude Gen. Knox shows him to be a very shrewd and active leader. The odds are greatly against him and it will not be surprising to hear any day that he has been caught.

New York, is preparing to give an official welcome to the twentleth century. It is more than likely that the twentleth century will come whether or no New York gives it an official welcome.

Four boxes rule the world-the cartridge box, the ballot box, the jury box, and last, but not least, the feminine hat box," says the Chicago News. And it might have added that the Boxers rule China.

Considering all the stories about physicians being careless in going from the sick rooms of patients suffering from a contagious disease to other places, without a disinfection of their clothing, it is not out of place to sound that old warning, "Physicians, heal

A local paper that has never been known to treat an adversary fairly, jeers at the idea that any one can oppose compulsory vaccination without fighting voluntary vaccination. We do not undertake to supply common sense to people or papers that are afflicted with vacuity of mind or senility of intellect. Nor do we think it necessary to reply at length to an adversary, who proves by quotations from our columns the very opposite of what he alleges, and whose favorite argument and strongest desire is that the opponent whom he cannot suppress by rea-son, should be killed so as to be silenced. We think that the Tribune ought not to be killed but preserved-at least in a museum-as a specimen of journal-

the United States builders are in a fall way to achieve all of England's facilities without government aid. During the ten months ending with last April, During ten plants to cost from a half militon to six million dollars each were begun The yards already in existence had sixty million dollars' worth of vessels under construction. Today they have more orders than they can fill. Yet this lusty industry is to receive government aid under the subsidy bill.

Boston Herald.

Boston Herald, It is generally remarked that Presi-dent McKinley has given the tariff a rest from direct consideration in his message. He would have American shipping aided, but in an empirical manner. If he would go to the root of the metter and leave American ship of the matter, and leave American ship-ping unhampered by unwise laws as-sumed to be for the protection of less important industries, the shipping industry might easily take care of itself. Indeed, it is in a way to do this just now, despite the unnecessary and un-statesmanlike burdens that have been put upon It.

