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The majority of, the people of Arlzona desire Sts, tchood for their Territory. They Co not wish to be joined with New M,exico, as proposed in the measure to that end now before the Congress of the United States. We be-Heve they are right in their objection. and al to in their desire. Arizona, in our opint in, should of itself become a State in ', he Union, with all the rights and pr rvileges that are enjoyed by the now xisting States. There is a prejudice, however, against giving any further political power to the West, and therefore the project of attempting to units the two Territories into one commonwealth will probably be pushed, with the expectation that it will be defeated. the murderous arms of the soldiers, as

During the discussion on this subject endeavors have been made to drag the "Mormon" question into the dispute. It is well known that this is only a ruse on the part of wire-pulling politicians to prejudice Congress and the country against the independent Statehood movement, and has no real bearing upon the claims of that Territory and no relevance to the debate on its admission. However, it may be expected, just now, that some importance will be

religion. The notion that this necessarily includes a multitude of wives is one of the great blunders of the age, and which will take a long time to remove from the minds of the American people.

The Troy Press, for instance, which cannot let this "Mormon" question alone, recently in the course of a long article, which is but a repetition of mouldy old stories revamped about "Joe Smith," etc., etc., makes this remark: "The great and distinguishing feature of Mormonism, separaties if from all churches claiming to be Christian, is polygamy." And yet it was not until 1843 that plural marriage was promulgated to the Latter-day Saints, and not until 1852, that it was published to the world at large, and its practice has been but comparatively small since that time. It has been for-

mally set aside by the Church and forbidden by its recognized authorities. "Mormonism" therefore is to be viewed and discussed, if at all, separate and apart from that which most people imagine to be its one particular and distinguishing feature.

"Mormonism" is a religious system liftering vitally in many respects from all others. It is practical in the fullest sense. It enters into the lives of its votaries, and influences them in the accomplishment of the good works which have so signally held them in view before the world. While thinking people who are informed as to that which the "Mormons" have accomplished and are effecting and are likely to bring about for the good of mankind, temporarily as well as spiritually, cannot but admire the results of "Mormon" labor, unity and brotherhood, it is yet remarkable that they do not upply to the Latter-day Saints the guage and test given to the world by the great Redeemer, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

RUSSIAN CONDITIONS.

The news from Russla proves that the situation is as grave as has been suspected, if not worse. And the massacre of the unarmed workingmen, and women and children, will act as oil poured on flames. The news of the occurrences in the capital will be kept from the people in other parts of the country as

far as possible. The censors will see to

that. But in some way the facts will

be made known, and as the rumor goes

from village to village it will add in-

tensely to the existing discontent. It

is absolutely certain that the Russlin

masses are now pretty well prepared

for a revolution. If among them should

appear a capable, fearless leader, he

would obtain a following formidable

enough to make the throne tremble.

Without leader, the movement must

inevitably spend its fury in vain against

the roaring waves that dash themselves

into spray upon the immovable rocks

of the shore, but if the tremendous

force of those popular, stormy seas is

intelligently directed, it is enough to

The Czar has for a third time shown

himself utterly incompetent to lead

the vast nation entrusted to his care.

First, when the faithful Finlanders in

the hands of cruel oppressors sought

make the rocks crumble and fall.

known in politics either; for, very often political pygmies fancy they can overthrow opponents by hurling "names" at them. When they designate them as 'ezars," "imperialists," "despots," and "treasoners," they presume that they are absolved from all obligations impos-

civilization. The tactics are not un-

ed by reason and arguments. It is well that they know not how puny they appear in their efforts to take heaven by assault, But Milton very truthfully characterized that class, when he said: "I did but prompt the age to quit their clogs By the known rules of ancient liberty, When straight a barbarous noise en-

virons me Of owls and cuckoos, asses, apes, and

dogs. It is absolutely impossible to argue with such a conglomeration. But for the benefit of those who may desire to know the truth, it should be said that all this noise about a "hierarchy" in Utah is entirely without excuse. "The originators of it know perfectly well the Church has no hiezarchy, no priest caste, no class of reverends. They know very well that the "Mormons," are as free politically and religiously. as any man or woman in the land, and freer than many who are under undue American party and partisan control. They know that they are wilfully malighting the "Mormons," by their state-

ments, but they are condemned by the very mischoods of which they are the authors; for, if they had any true grounds for accusition, they would not need falsehoods as weapons of attack. There are evils today, that threaten the American home, and other American institutions. "Mormonism" is not one of those evils. The enemies of the country can do it no greater harm than by distracting popular attention from the real evils, thereby causing the people to neglect to search for the remedy

that is needed. In the war in Asia the Japanese have repeatedly made attacks on certain points in order to cover up their important movements against other points. Sometimes they have been alded by sples in this work. The enemics of this country-for they are nothing less-are doing the same, in agitating against an unoffending Church, But their plans and schemes will, no doubt, ultimately be known everywhere, as they are here. And we can

afford to walt. Maud Gonne wants a divorce. Does she aspire to the stage?

It is easy enough to explain a deficit. The trouble is to wipe it out.

Oh for a Victor Hugo to write the story of the Russian miserables! In Utah the bounty on wild animals seems to be an unearned increment.

John D. Rockefeller says that Americans eat too much. Not beef, surely,

The petition that was rejected may yet prove to be the stone that was rejected.

Uncle Sam has practically got San Domingo, and Hayti may come after awhile.

For the steenth time the opening of

arbitrary will enforced by war. Gov. Long's brief speech on taking the chair was admirable in substance and ex-pression. The other speakers were all pression. of one mind in respect of this matter.

Kansas City Star.

Kansas City Star. President Roosevelt's letter to the Senate on the subject of the arbitra-tion treatles, received in December, but only now made public, reveals the im-portance the Chief Exceptive attaches to the proposed conventions. Although personally favorable to somewhat more comprehensive treaties, he regards the tentative forms as a long step toward the safety of international relations. He was certainly upprepared at that time for the surprising position taken by or the surprising position taken by ertain members of Congress that the reation should be further limited by making the contest of two-thirds of the nembers of the House necessary in orr to refer a given international con ition to the tribunal of The Hague such a requirement would practically sufficient of the proposed reaties would have in the way of safeguarding the nation against the dan-gers of popular clamor.

Springfield Republican.

It would be very unfortunate to have the treatles fail in the Senate. There might result a serious check to the ar-bitration movement throughout Europe bitration movement throughout Europe and South America, where of late the movement has shown such gratifying progress. We boast nowadays of our great influence in the world's affairs. Can we afford to throw that influence egainst the world's manifest desire to promote "peace with justice" through tribunals of order and law? Our presi-dent, by nature not the most peaceful of men, is sure chough of popular support when the drums begin to beat and file trumpets to blare; we cannot afford to support him less powerfully when he tests the temper of the Sen-ate and also of the nation with these conventions that make so modest and onventions that make so modest and oderate an appeal for the ordered peace that knows not the brandished sword.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Pearson's Magazine for February contains an interesting assortment of short stories and special articles, numbering in all nineteen. The leading article is an up-to-date history of Washington, one of our most promising States and already well under way in taking the lead in agricultural produc-tions. The decline of our New Eng-land mackerel and lobster fisheries is the subject of another article which points out the reasons for these fullures and suprests remadies. How the playpoints out the reasons for these failures and suggests remedies. How the play-wrights place their plays and the trials and tribulations of playwrights is an-other article, by Bryan O'Malley. Still another is the pen picture of the life of the late Louis Deibler, the headsman of Paris, a social outcast, a man fore-doonied as the executioner of men, yet a man with intensely human feeling. "The Mounted Police of the West," "Winter Pastimes," and "The Water We fauy in Solid Foods" are three ar-ticles handsomely filustrated. Of fic-tion, there are ten numbers, chief of which is Aepyornis Island, one of H. G. tion, there are ten numbers, that G which is Aepyornis Island, one of H. G. Well's clever scientific-adventure sto-ricz. Besides, there are a detective story, a Wall Street story, an East Indian love story, and six other stories,

furny, pathetic and clever,-Astor Place, New York,

The leading article in the February Suggestion discusses Christian Science Suggestion discusses Christian Science theories, and endeavors to prove that Mrs. Eddy's theories are unscientific. A complete expose of the methods used by Anna Eva Fav in her alleged mind reading feats is also promised in this number."-4020 Drexel Blvd., Chicago.

The January number of Medical alk contains short articles on a great unber of subjects, full of common case, Among the topics presented it: "Anti-Football Law;" "A Simple Way to Test Flour;" "Cause of Infant



attached to it, because of the feeling that has been aroused throughout the nation, by the preachers and the women who thick they are performing a great service to God and the country by fighting that which they imagine to be "Mormonism."

One or two Arizona papers have mentioned the "Mormons" and the influence which they exercise in the political affairs of the Territory, and have to missed the grandest opportunity a monarch ever had, of making some degree joined in the hue and cry concerning the power of the Church, himself the idol of the people, their leader, their father. If finally, and this has been interpreted to mean that "Mormon" colonization is not in another leader should arise and turn the people against him and his house, so great demand as it, was in years where would the responsibility rest? past, but that the States and Territories adjacent to Utah do not want an There is, apparently, no more mysinflux of "Mormony" luto their demain. terious person on any throne today This is very amusing in the light of than the Russian autocrat. He is by present and notent facts. We have in some described as kindhearted, wellmeaning and amfable, while others say our possession a number of recent that he is utterly impotent for good or propositions for the transportation of for evil, the tool of clergymen and wo-"Mormons", into surrounding regions, with urgent offers of land and facilimen. All seem to agree that he is ties for its cultivation, showing the denervous, weak and timid. It can hardly be but that the family sire to procure our people to build up the country and establish towns and history of the Romanoffs must be villages and agricultural enterprises. stamped upon this heir of their posi-

Scarcely a day passes without simition. It is a record of bloodshed, violar propositions to the First Presidency, lence, and disaster. The Emperor Paul asking that colonies be sent to differwas murdered in 1801, and Catharine ent points designated by the welters, 11, his mother, certainly hid under the and showing the desire of the people in imperial vestment an utterly depraved those neighborhoods to welcome "Mornature. The great-grandfather of the mons" into their Territory. Land is ofpresent Czar, overwhelmed with the fered at extremely low figures, and indisasters of the Crimean war, probably ducements of all kinds are held out comitted suicide. His grandfather was with a view to obtaining numbers of assasinated while driving in the streets, our people to settle upon the soil and His father died a natural death, but extend their influence in building up communities which will be of the same temperate, Industrious, moral and frugal character as that of their co-religionists, whose virtues have already been made prominent by contrast with the usual kind of settlers migrating from other points. There never was a time when "Mormon" colonizers were in greater demand than at present.

Some of the most virulent anti-"Mormon" papers in the country, while attacking the "Mormon" religion, as they view it, and showing by the by that they do not understand h at all, at the same time utter words of praise concerning the unity of purpose, the fidelity to their faith, the diligence in their labors and the good results of their combined efforts in building up new countries, exhibited by the "Mormons," and make a very favorable contrast between their works and the effects of their system with those of their neighbors who are not of their faith. So that the notion that there is a change of public sentiment in regard to the desire for "Mormon" colonists is altogether a mistake, or, in some quotters, an absolute and wilful falsehood.

The truth is that the "Mormon" system of converting the desert into a fruitful field, and making habitations in the wilderness for civilized humanity, and equipping them with the mod- of the enemies of the Church of Jesus ern conveniences, facilities for education and all that art and science can afford and the means at hand will permilt, is superior to anything of the kind that has been tried by theorists and reformers and social scientists. It is so because it is a feature of the "Mormon" | ence of that Church is a "menace" to

him, as children their father, he closed the Uncompangre reservation is to be his doors and heart against them. Then, postponed. when the Russian middle classes, represented by the zemstyo presidents, Though the fox has his hole still it asked for liberty, he gave them a stone will do him no good so long as the for bread, serpentine promises for substantial food. And now, in reply to the petition of a hundred thousand Rus-

bounty hunters are abroad in the land. The Czar is prostrated with grief over sian workingmen, he orders his soldiers the St. Petersburg massacre. Hundreds to kill them like dogs. The Czar has of his subjects were prostrated with bullets.

The thing that will check the revolution in Russia is the fact that there is no States General to be summoned that would keep it moving.

When a man runs an automobile at the rate of a mile in forty seconds he courts Death, and no one need be surprised if Death accepts him.

According to the Official Messenger's account of the trouble in St. Petersburg the people were entirely to blame. It is ever thus where tyranny reigns.

This from M. Gorkey, the novelist, to his revolutionary compatriots, shows that he appreciates to the full that discretion is the better part of valor: "Beloved associates: We have no emperor. Innocent blood lies botween him and the people. Now begins the people's struggle for freadom. May it prosper. My blessings upon you all, Would I might be with you tonight but I have too much to do."

CAPITAL PUNISIMENT.

THE ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Boston Herald.

Law Notes. The partial abolition of capital pun-ishment by excepting women and min-ors from the infliction of that form of punishment is of questionable expedi-ency. That it would satisfy the sense of justice entertained by the average man is very doubtuit. That it would square with the principles which should underlie our penal laws is still more doubtfuit. The question of in-flicting the death fenalty, if it must be inflicted, should depend, not upon the age or sex, but upon the degree of the responsibility of the criminal. And very often the boy of 17 is as much,and even more, accountable for his criminal misdeeds than is his senior by many years. And, surely, the female pris-oner, often educated and otherwise properly instructed, who goes solut her work with a well-defined motive, and, with stealthy deliberation, day after day, through a period of time which affords her ample time to repent of her-foul intent, administers the drug which in additional the sure the for her yich Law Notes, he was a victim of crass superstition and completely under the thumb of Pobledonosteff. With such ancestral history, the Czar cannot be the man needed in the present Russlan crisis. If he would tear himself loose from the oligarchy and trust himself entirely to the people, as modern ideas of government demand, he would still be a savior of Russia, but if he continues on the dangerous path of despotism, which he is too weak to sustain, his

DESPICABLE TACTICS.

country will meet with disaster.

It is a common practice with a certain low class of dialecticians when they have no facts on which to base any attacks upon their victims, to be all the foul inter, administers the drug which finally takes away the life of her vic-tim, is deserving of less sympathy than the adult male, ignorant and degen-erate, with inherited criminal tendenmore abundant in epithets, in the hope of keeping the prejudices of the mob alive. They plways aim at enlisting the sympathy of the mob. Without cles, who in a fit of uncontrollable pas-sion takes the life of a fellow-man. that they are lost. So they must pretend to some resemblance of argument. They are the welves in the well known fable. They act somewhat like the boly inquisitors of ancient times, who The meeting of business men of Massachuseits at the roms of the Bosbainted devils on their martyrs, in order to give the mob the impression that

on Chamber of Commerce was a rep-esentative body, fit and competent to the holocaust was well justified. resentative body, fit and competent to give expression to a feeling that is practically universal. Mr. Jerome Jones, representing the Boston Associ-ated Board of Trade, said that every one of the twenty-two separate bodies which are combined in the association We have an illustration of the same cunning, sneaky tactics in the efforts Christ of Latter-day Saints, to prefudice the public against it, by daily refavors the prompt ratification of the treaties of arbitration that have been negotiated by the administration. This is a fair index of the prevalent senti-ment of the business men of Masaapetitions of the falsehoods that that Church is "ruled" by a hlerarchy; that her members are "slaves" politically and religiously, and that the very existhusetts. They are in favor of the maare of justice," net of the peace of chusetts.

Mortality:" "Faith More Potent Than Drugs:" "Headache:" "Keeping Warm Drugs," "Headache;" "Keeping Warm in Winter:" "Old Age;" "Preventing Typhoid:" "Treatment for Hair;" and many other of equal interest.—Colum-

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