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RELIGION IN SCHOOLS.

The officers and pupils of the religion classes of the Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty and Pioneer Stakes of Zion held a conference on Sunday, preceded by a social re-union on Saturday evening. Particulars of these gatherings will be found elsewhere in this issue of the Descret News. We desire to draw attention to some references made by President Anthon H. Lund, in his address on Sunday afternoon, to the views of some Protestant ministers, on the necessity of religious as well as secular education for children of both sexes.

After showing the purpose and intent of the organization of religion classes in the Church, and explaining that they were not a part of the State school system, and that they were not hostile to it or intended to interfere with it in any way whatever, he read from an article in the latest number of the Intermountain Catholic, copied from the Providence Visitor, as follows:

In New York a large number of delegates representing the Federation of Churches met in the hall of the United Charities building. The Rev. Dr. G. U. Wenner, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, read a paper in which he advocated that two hours of each Wednes-day afternoon be given over by the public school authorities to the churches, and the scholars whose parents wished it be allowed to leave the day school and repair each to his parish

ohurch for religious education. The Rev. Milton S. Littlefield, pastor of the First Union Presbyterian church, deplored the weakness of the Sunday school. It wasn't doing what it should, It had limitations of a very grave na-

A letter was read from Rabbi H. Pereira Mendes, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of the United States and Canada. In part said: would welcome the setting aside of

Wednesday afternoons for religious in-struction., The object of the govern-ment in making education compulsory to qualify the children for citizen-ip, for the discharge of life's ordinary duties, and for the earning of a living But the system, admirable as it is, aims at the education of the head and hand, and is practically confined to the three R's, "But boys and girls have hearts

and souls also. Our educational sys-tem should also educate the heart's no-ble emotions and the soul's high aspiralso. ations, and should therefore teach the three greater R's, without which no man, no woman, no nation can be truly

tion of time, as well as of money. This al system and are doing most excellent work in that direction. country has to contend with, not only the natural obstacles that are to be This was manifested in the conference held on Sunday, which should furovercome, but also with the plottings nish an object lesson to all who are not of schemers who are opposed to the enterprise for selfish reasons. Delay converted to the need of the classes is therefore not desirable. The only that have already brought forth so way to meet the opposition is to renmuch good fruit. All that is needed, der it powerless by making the canal now, to bring them up to the desired standard is increased interest on the an accomplished fact. part of parents and of men and women Another reason for desiring a speedy who could, if they wished, spare time construction is the necessity of makenough to engage in the good work. ing this country an Important Pacific Energetic, devoted and informed power. At present Europe is actually teachers, in addition to those now glv-

much nearer the ports of eastern ing their services, and a willingness to Asia than our Atlantic coast is. In send the children to receive instruction, an emergency a squadron rounding will make those classes a blessing to Cape Horn might be too late to do both pupils and parents, and will supany good, since an attacking enemy ply the lack that is felt, but cannot be generally counts on surprising the anremedied in the public schools of the tagonist and gaining an advantage by State. The promoters and laborers in a sudden attack on some weak point. this great cause are entitled to much With the Isthmlan canal constructed, praise for that which they have done this country would be better able to and that which they have planned to defend its Pacific interests. And this is not the only considera-

"UNDER THE ALTAR."

accomplish.

solation.

tively few and weak, and their enemies

were flerce and strong. Therefore, the

Lord, through His beloved disciple,

presented to them such views of the

future as were best calculated to

strengthen their faith and arm them

with a firm resolution to endure all

trials. Among those visions were the

final vindication of the martyrs, and

It may be of some interest to notice

"Here we have not a prophecy con-

everywhere on earth.

Greek Testament says:

of New York, and within 21 days of A superficial reader of Rev. 6: 9-11 English ports. The west coast of might form the erroneous opinion of South America will be 3,000 miles this part of the Scriptures, that it connearer to our ports than to those of tains a prayer for revenge. The Apos-Europe, opening to American prodtie, in his wonderful vision, saw the ucts an entirely new field of commerce. Without doubt, in the advantmartyrs "under the altar," and heard them crying with a loud voice, sayages thus acquired, the entire nation ing, "How long, O Lord, holy and will share. Even the railroad lines true, dost thou not judge and avenge will derive incalculable benefit from the increase of trade. The population our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" The Christian doctrine is of the world grows with wonderful emphatically to love even the enemies; rapidity. A hundred years ago it was estimated at \$90,000,000; today it is to bless those that curse; to do good to those that hale, and to pray for just double that number. If the those that persecute. There might growth continues, the surplus seem to be contradiction between the must find dwelling places in the teachings of Jesus and the prayer of sparcely settled regions of the world. the martyrs, but we may be sure there That means the turning of trade is not. The Apocalypse of John was and commerce into new channels. written at a time when the church Hence the necessity of being prepared of Christ needed comfort and conin time for the conditions that must Persecution raged. The be expected. apostles and leaders were slain, or dispersed. The faithful were compara-

Harry Orchard's alleged confession is as long as the immoral law

tion. When this canal is opened, San

Francisco will be within fourteen days

Enlarged livers cause men to die but never of a broken heart. Lieutenant Scharrer does not believe

that a bird in the hand is worth two in the Buesch.

A tariff war with Germany would be the triumph of the "kingdom" of God an international game of cutting off the nose to spite the face.

what the commentators have to say W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., should have upon this passage. They do not unremembered Kingdon Gould's experiderstand it as a prayer for vengeance ence with a pistol, and refrained. upon anyone. Rev. S. T. Bloomfield, D. D., in his critical notes on the

It is said that Pat Crowe wants to reform but can't. No doubt there is more cant than desire in the report.

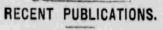
cerning new events, but this is meant to minister consolation under the scan-dal of the cross, and has reference to Mr. Roosevelt says that Senator Tillthe preceding persecutions, which were of long continuance. (Hardy.) man is a game fighter and an honest man. If that isn't heaping coals of fire peared (observes Scott) as sacrifices newly offered, to show their fellow-ship with Christ in His sufferings, and on the head of the flery orator, what is 11?

In commercial treaties the phrase "most favored nation treatment" should oblation. . . . Hardy (after the older commentators) remarks, that this is an 'impatient outcry to a strongbe changed to the most powerful nation treatment, if the best treatment is what is wanted.

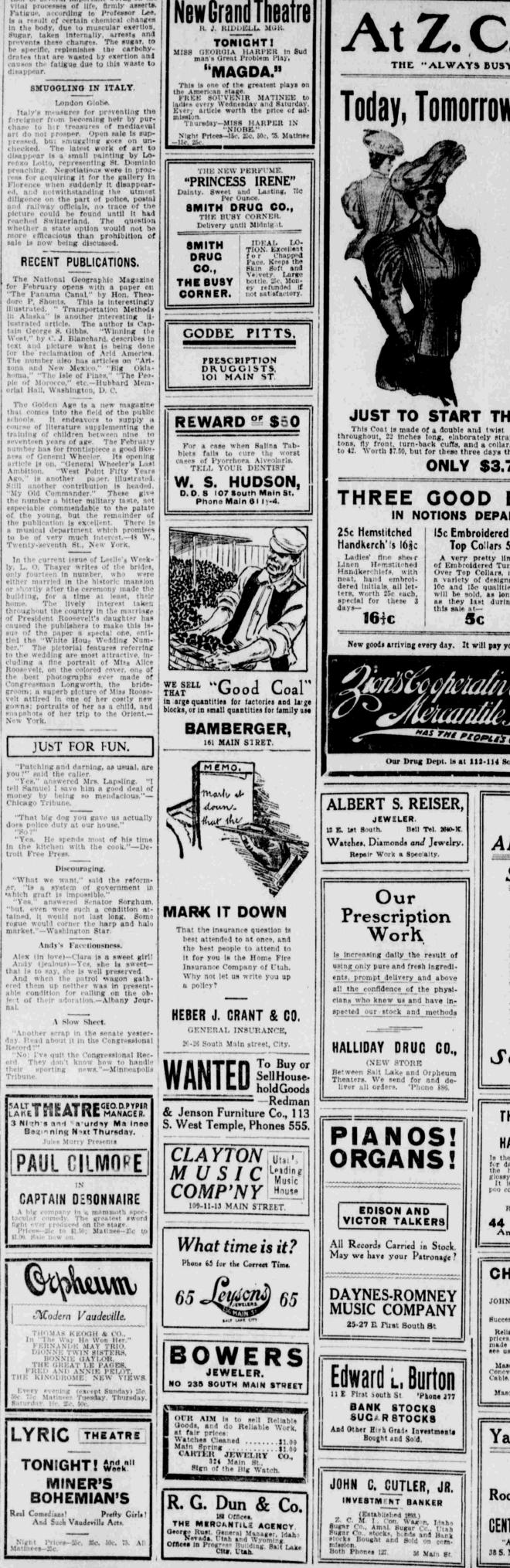
er arm, desiring vengeance.' But it is well remarked by Iaspis: "These mar-tyrs do not propound this question be-cause inflamed by a desire for ven-geance, but they only ask when they may witness a predicted event.'" First Lleutenant Arthur H. Freshwater, Twenty-ninth infantry, has been dropped from the rolls of the army by The context shows that this underirection of the president, for desertion

thor of several important works on the vital processes of life, firmly asserts. Fatigue, according to Professor Lee, is a result of certain chemical changes

preaching. Negotiations were in prog-ress for acquiring it for the gallery in Florence when suddenly it disappeared, and notwithstanding the utmost diligence on the part of police, postal



In the current issue of Leelle's Weeknapshots of her trip to the Orient .-





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great, and these three R's are reverence, righteousness and responsibility.

righteousness and responsibility. "The public school system provides for these either not at all or only by amateurish attempts of principals, some of whom sometimes betray their trust by teaching doctrines opposed to the creed of some of the scholars. I know this, and at this moment a cer-tain principal is on trial for doing so. The public school system may well have sching to do with religion. Leave The public school system may well have nothing to do with religion. Leave doctrinal instruction to the churches. Let a few leading ministers, with some living lay educationalists, arrange a system of the three higher R's for the public schools and for all schools. It will take time, but it will mean enno-bled citizenship, ideal personal life and purer social, political and business life. It means the progress and perpetuation of this great nation."

President Lund commended the Catholic church for its endeavors to supply the lack of religious training in the public schools, and explained that religion classes had been established by the Latter-day Saints because it was not proper to have sectarian tenets of any kind in our district schools, and yet religious training was as necessary as moral and mental instruction. The lack is not fully made up by the Sunday school or the Primary. A brief course of religious training for children from six years old to fourteen will afford that which is needed. At present only one day in the week is the rule, when half an hour after school is dismissed is devoted to this work in the meetinghouses of the Church. But as the system is developed and more teachers can be obtained, it is expected that the tuition will be more frequently imparted.

dom of God.

when such

Such are the views of "orthodox"

ommentators upon the vision of John

in which martyrs are represented as

appealing to the Almighty for vindica-

tion of their cause. It is strange, but

it seems to be the fate of the Latter-

day Saints to be hated, reviled, and

persecuted for believing in the Scrip-

tures, and even for believing what rep-

utable Bible commentators declare to

ance of the maligners of the Saints.

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cense.

The opposition which has been aroused against this movement, coming from the source whence it proceeded, is evidence in favor of the work. Similar misrepresentations against it have been offered as to Catholic efforts to educate children in that faith. The Visitor remarks on that point:

"For years, in this country, the Catholic church has struggled alone in her battle for religious education. When she begun, it was claimed by her ene-mies that she was seeking to selze the public schools. The country over she was heralded an enemy of the public schools. Bigots claimed that she wished to dominate the province of education and bind human intelligence in the letand bind human intelligence in the let-ters of ignorance and superstition. When she learned from bitter experi-ence that the public school was her enemy, and set up her own schools and maintained them, the Protestant world laughed at her when she cried out under her double burden."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers no objection to the public schools. On the contrary, its members support them by taxation and send their children to be taught there. in. Nor would they have religious doctrines taught in those schools, because ideas entirely hostile or foreign to its standards might be introduced, and no sectarian notions ought to be presented to blas the juvenile mind. Yet religious training is essential to the formation and development of character on proper lines, and so religion classes are standing is correct. For they were having been absent without leave three told to wait "until the number ordainmonths. He probably got into deep waed by God be completed, by their felter, which would explain his long ablow servants being also added to the sence. The verses under list of martyrs." consideration should, as Dr. Bloom-A Chicago teacher has secured a field also suggests, be read together verdict for four thousand dollars with Gen. 9; 5: "And surely your against a real estate agent for kissing blood of your lives will I require; at her. That was cheeky on his part, and now she has the cheek to say: "But I the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the do not care for the money. I was fighting for a principle, not for finanhand of every man's brother will I require the life of man."

cial profit. The martyrs "under the a'tar," in the vision of John, ask the Lord when this So the department of agriculture has is to be fulfilled, and since then every had under advisement the question of federal control of the country's milk true disciple of the Master has, longsupply. Americans used to laugh at ingly looked forward to the day of the British parliament busying itself judgment for that means the estabwith ground game bills, but compared lishment of truth and righteousness with federal control of milking the among the children of men everywhere. ground game legislation is the broadest That is the day upon which the rekind of statesmanship. deemed will sing in joyful chorus: "Alleluia, salvation, and glory, and honor,

"I have no sympathy for the criminal. and power, unto the Lord, our God, for My sympathy is for those who will be true and righteous are his judgments." murdered, for their families and for The prayer of the martyrs is not a detheir children." says ex-Ambassador mand for revenge, but an humble peti-Andrew D. White. Those sentiments tion for the establishment of the kingwill do very well in an over-cultured ommunity, but they are no good in a In Henry and Scott's Commentary robust state where juries recommend upon Rev. 6; 9-11, we read, in part:

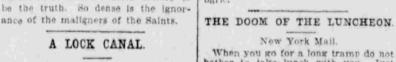
double murderers to the mercy of the "The sight the apostle witnessed at the opening of the fifth seal was very affecting. He saw the souls of the mar-tyrs under the altar; at the foot of the altar in heaven, at the foot of Christ. Persecutors can only kill the body; af-ter that there is no more they can do court, and they get it. "There is," says the Pueblo Chieftain with biting sarcusm, "nothing surprising about the case of the girl who marter that there is no more they can do. . . The cry heard was a loud cry, and contains an humble expostulation ried one husband in Pueblo and another in Trinidad soon after. Such Even the spirit of just men made per-fect, though they die in charlty, pray-ing, as Christ did, that God would forevents are sufficiently common in the best of society. The only mistake the give their enemies, yet desire that for the honor of God, and Christ, and the girl made was in neglecting the few formalities that the Colorado law still Gospel, and for the conviction of oth-ers, God will take just vengeance upon the sin of persecution, even while He retains as necessary to divorce proceedings." pardons and saves the persecutor. They commit their cause to Him to whom vengeance belongeth. Yet there will be

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joy in heaven at the destruction of the implacable enemies of Christ, as well London Globe. It is curious how completely color has gone out of man's dress in Eng-land. We go about in sober blues and as at the conversion of other sinners. Ch. 18: 20. . . There seems no rea-son why this seal should be restricted ks. There really seems no reason we should not wear colors. It is blacks. to any particular body of martyrs of any particular period. All are to be avenged; and it may, perhaps, be most why only that nobody has the courage start the fashion. What we want fully understood to comprehend all the martyrs to the Christian cause, from the apostolic age to the happy time some strong, persevering man who will take his life in his hands and walk down Piccadilly in a crimson suit, sufferings shall finally

BARBARIC TABLE MANNERS

The Lady's Pletoral. Many things are not taught at school at the present day because they are declared to be obsolete, and some of us suspect that table manners are among them. If not, how are we to account for the ungraceful manipulation of Ruffe and fork that we witness so fre-quently, and the misuse of tableware generally, which is at times almost barbaric



bother to take lunch with you. Just put half a dozen lumps of sugar in your pocket and eat them when you get The government has decided in favor of a lock canal at Panama. The chief tired and hungry. You will at once find your strength and freshness renewed. This is what Dr. Lee, professor of phyreason seems to be a strong desire to have the waterway completed as made a feature of the Church education- speedily as possible. It is a ques- stology at Columbia university, and au-