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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

All the members of the Priesthood, of the Chusch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, residing in wards 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 31 and 33, in Salt Lake City, are requested to meet in the Assembly Hall, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7 o'clock p. m.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact business looking to the organization of a stake, the north boundary of which will be Third South and the west boundary East Temple street.

This meeting is for members of the Priesthod only, and it is desirable that only those living in that district be present at the meeting.

On Friday evening, Feb. 26, at 7:30 o'clock, there will be a meeting of all members of the Church, in the above named district, at the Tabernacle to complete the organization of the stake. All members of the Church belonging to that district, are invited and urged to be present on this occasion. JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER. ANTHON H. LUND.

vantage at the outset, but that does not mean that there will not be & long struggle before the question of supremacy in eastern Asia is settled. Neither Russia nor Japan can afford to withdraw from the contest, defeated, until their last resources are exhausted. The power that is beaten now, cannot look to Asia for "shperes of influence." The Asiatics will bow only before the vic-

Observers of affairs in India claim, that the number of Japan's first victories have aroused an eager interest for Japan in that country. This interest was manifested during the war with China, and later during the Boxer rising, but it was suppressed to some extent. Now, it has again broken out, and the Indians are commencing to talk about the Japanese as their future "deliverers."

A correspondent to the Novoe Vremya tells some stories, which, if true, give a new idea of Indian sentiment. He says but recently an article on Japan written by an Englishman returning from travels there, evoked a whole mailbag of letters to him from editors, nabobs, rajahs, etc. They had taken him for a Japanese and expressed their delight that at least one of the future liberators of their country had arrived. Some even sent presents, and offered subscriptions for the prosecution of the secret propaganda. The whole correspondence fell into the hands of the Anglo-Indian government, which could not contain itself in its astonishment. Another story is told to the effect that the Priest Dharmapala made an appeal for an Asiatic triple alliance between Japan, China and India, after a Chino-Japanese army had liberated the people of India from their "foreign oppressor." The suggestion was made at a banquet, at which the keynote of the speeches was, "Asia for the Asiatics." At the close of the banquet, a Japanese peer, we are told, read the famous poem of Kakasu Okakusu, calling the Asians to arms to emancipate all Asia from the exploitations of European races. Such facts show the direction of the wind. They prove that neither Japan nor Russia can afford to come out of this contest crushed, if any sacrifice will insure final success, for the mil-

lions of Asla are eagerly watching

them, and the future belongs to the

victor. The probability is for a long

AS TO SAN DOMINGO.

In anti-administration circles there is

some anxiety because it is anticipated,

so they claim, that our government may

'do something rash" in San Domingo.

'It is to be San Domingo next," they

say, whatever that may mean. That

American business interests are calling

loudly for some action by our govern-

ment is not to be denied, we presume.

If Uncle Sam does not look out for his

business interests, no one else will.And

t is not easy to decide on just what

war.

more moral people, or more refined and educated, in the United States than the women of Utah. Their children are lovely, welcome, well born, well nursed, well bred, and in a better condition generally than four-fifths of the other children of the United States. you good Christian women really wish to do the world a service and commemorate yourselves, take up the miserable condition of the submerged

class of women in our great cities like New York, Chicago and San Francisco -the victims of a system worse than polygamy, if any exists in this country-and the poor, miserable, half clothed, half fed children there who do not know what mother love and care mean. Utah provides for her own poor and does not require brothels for a de-

graded manhood as well as woman-hood. I deny that there are any longer polygamous teachings in Utah, but as that they are well ordered, moral and religious people. Your persecu tion of them reminds me of the old days of witchcraftry in Massachusetts, and the spirit which drove the Quakers and Baptists out of Connecticut and de-clared that the Catholics should not hold land in Virginia. "This is an era of culture, arbitration and toleration, sisters! Let us pray for light! I do not believe in polyga-

my. Very respectfully, "BELVA A. LOCKWOOD."

Japs Wei Hai Wei Russians bled.

How good to see dry bare ground again!

There is trouble in the Balkans. The Council is balking the Mayor. "Make haste slowly," seems to have

been Russia's guiding motto thus far. Really it looks as though Russia, like

the lady in the play, "doth protest too much. To call the Salt Lake Theater a

"veritable fire trap," is veritable claptrap." The Panama canal will be built on the dead square. It should also be

built on the sea level. As successor of the late Senator Hanna, General Dick will naturally be

Dick-tator in Ohio politics. With the thermometer thirty-six below zero no one can blame the Russian

soldiers if they get cold feet. The University of Chicago is trying to corner the world's supply of dioon. How true to the ideals of its founder!

Suit has been brought to restrain the assessor. The greatest relief would be afforded by restraining the collector.

Because those who ride on free passes cannot collect damages when injured will not make the passes less sought

Joe Jeffersen has just celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday., Here's to Rip's health. And may he live long and

policeman we must evidently carry a make ignorant people who have never visited Utah believe this, but nobody club on our beat, and use it effectively if the occasion demand. It has just who has ever set foot inside of the thwacked Santo Domingo, and other State . It is an insult to our Mormon sisters, which I resent. There are no heads may be sure to get it if several of those countries do not mend their manners.

### THE BALKAN SITUATION. Pueblo Chiftain.

The Turkish complication is not of the proportions involved in a war be-tween France and Great Britain, but it is a most serious one and unfortunately it is already a fact. An outbreak has already occurred in Macedonia and the temper already shown by the Turks on one side and by the Bulgarians on the other leaves little room to hope that it can be suppressed without great bloodshed and suffering. The general situation is a most threatening one, and the fight between Russia and Japan may be far from the most important military event of the year.

New York Mail and Express. A general war may indeed be feared. The more it is feared-perhaps the more closely it is threatened-the less likely it may be to break out. Certainly no nation and no head of a state wants it. All dread it. It would be an abhorrent thing-a treason to civilization.

### ETERNITY OF MATTER. Simon Newcomb

It is a fundamental principle of the theory of evolution, as developed by its greatest contemporary expounder, that matter itself is eternal, and that all the changes which have taken place in the universe, so far as made up of matter, are in the nature of trans-formations of this eternal substance. But we doubt whether any physical philosopher of the present day would e satisfied to accept any demonstration of the eternity of matter. All he would admit is that, so far as his observation goes, no change in the quan-tity of matter can be produced by the action of any cause whatever. It seems to be equally uncreatable and inde-structible. But he would, at the same time, admit that his experience no more sufficed to settle the question than the observation of an animal for a single day would settle the question of the duration of its life, or prove that it had neither beginning nor end.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The American Prohibition Year Book for 1904 is said to have a good sale in all parts of the country, and is being all parts of the country, and is being sent to foreign lands. This publication is now in its fourth year. It appears annually. It is authority on the liquor question. Its 100 pages are full of the best facts and statistics. Its departments in addition to the almanac, are total abstinence, criminology, cost of the drink traffic, legislation, results of legislation, election figures, and organizations .--- 92 La Salle St., Chicago.

Donahoe's Magazine for February opens with a finely illustrated article n Grand Opera in English, by John Talbot Smith. Other items on the list of contents are: "Lady Anne Fitzger-ald and the Emmet Revolutionary Movement," Louise Imogen Guiney; "Our True Position," Rev. John F. Mul-"Our True Position," Rev. John F. Mul-lany, LL.D.; "How Success Came to Paul Lawrence Dunbar," Belle Case Harrington: "A Land of Perpetual Spring," flustrated, E. M. Lynch; "A Daughter of Kings," story, (continued,) Katharine Tyman; "Writing for the Press." D. A. McCarthy: "Shakespeare, and His Religion," P. J. Duggas: "An American Shrine," flustrated, William McDermott Hughes: "At the Turning of the Lane," story, Esther Waggaman Neill: "Three Centuries of Irish Educa-tion," R. Barry O'Brien: "Reminis-cences of Many Years of Missionary Life," and "People in Print," illustrat-ed, Rev. L. C. P. Fox, O.M.I.-Dona-hoe's Magazine Co., 18 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. Ainslee's for March opens with a novelette which takes the shape of autobiographical notes by a society girl. It is called "Miss Vanity," edited by Mary Hamilton Park. Maarten Maartens has one of his characteristic tales called. "Five Minutes' Conversation." 'Her Letters from Dakota" deals with a timely theme in an extremely taking fashion. It is by Miriam Michaelson, author of "In the Bishop's Carriage." Lilian Bell has a good story of the difficulties of authors and artists in New York called "The Price of Quet." "A Ghost," by Juliet Wilbor Tompkins is an unusual story, with good action and a dramatic climax. Edgar Saltus appears again with one of his characteristically crisp, epigrammatic essays, entitled "In and Out of Court Circles." "The Diary of a Society Parasite," by Geraldine Bonner, is exactly what its title indicates, but with a touch of the better side of human nature that releems it from cynicism. Acton Davies has another interesting article on the theater .- Ainslee Magazine company, 156 Fifth avenue, New York. The Woman's Home Companion for March contains as its chief feature a double page of photographs of "Flying-Machines," and an account of the com-ing contest at St. Louis. Other equalg contest at St. Louis. Orden Dames timely features are "Colonial Dames America," "Wireless Energy, the of America." Wonder of the Twentieth Century," and "The Coming War." by Hudson Maxim. Ernest Harold Baynes writes about "Owls," Mrs. Will H. Low tells house-wives how the French cook meats, Miss Gould, the fashion expert, gives hints of spring fashions.-The Crowell Pub-



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## SUMMONED TO WASHINGTON

The long looked-for subpoenas for witnesses in the case against Senator Reed Smoot have arrived, and some of them have been served. There are persons named as wanted who are not in this city; some are sick and others on distant missions. Those who are sum. moned in time to be in Washington on March 1, 1904, will doubtless respond at once, while such as do not receive word until too late to reach the capital by next Tuesday will go as soon as practicable. It should be understood that there is nothing in this service in the nature of an arrest. The individuals whose presence, is required are simply called for as witnesses. What they are expected to testify is not known at present, but this will develop as the case goes on, and will be duly reported in the Deseret News. How long they will be detained is also un. certain. We suppose they will all answer to the summons, without needless delay, even though at great inconvent. ence, and be ready to answer all relevant and proper questions that may be propounded. We wish them a pleas-

The Russian ship Retvizan was one of those reported badly damaged in the first naval engagement at Port Arthur. That took place on the 8th of this month. The same ship is now reported to have covered herself with glory in the engagement of the 22rd. Both reports cannot be true. If the ship was In a condition to fight successfully now. she could not have been seriously damaged two weeks ago. ' The Retvizan was built by the Cramps at Philadelohia, and the Americans take a friendly interest in the doings of that great war engine. The ship is of 12,700 tons displacement, and her armament consists of four 12-inch guns, 2.velve 6-inch guns, twenty 3-inch guns, and twenty-

The Japanese naturally expect to sufliplomatic relations at St. Petersburg, But with their awakening to the situailon ,they have realized the necessity be a surprise should they not give a ports of Japanese reverses prove even ants are again placed on an even footng, with regard to their respective

policy to adopt in such a case. The prosper. people of San Domingo are chronic revolutionists. They do not seem cap-Because an army clerk would not able of adjusting themselves to peace. spell "routing" with an "e" when told ful conditions. Under the circumstanc.

to do so by his superior officer, he himes, the right and duty of the United self was routed. States to interfere in some way, for the samovar.

Uncle Sam's some day, sure pop.

Russia claims that Japan, by her acplaced herself outside the pale of civilization. After all the pail of civilization is the milk pail.

disease?

said that the Japanese have always been ill luck for him, from the time when, as Czarowitz, a Japanese hit him over the head, as he was on a tour of the world. That story is good enough to be true, whether it is founded on fact or not.

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