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ENCOURAGING PROSPECTS.

Much increst is being aroused in this county on the Utah lake project. The work done by Professor Swendson has revived the subject, and placed it in a more favorable light than it appeared in before, and even people who were either opposed to it or viewed it with comparative indifference, are now talking about it with commendation. This is very gratifying to a large number of the farmers of Salt Lake county and to public-spirited men in Salt Lake City.

The benefits of making Utah lake a permanent reservoir under the provisions of the arid lands act, have been thoroughly explained and referred to repeatedly in these columns. We do think they now need recapitulation. That the city and county of Salt Lake are in many respects interdependent will be readily admitted. The growth of the city depends largely upon the growth of the county, and vice versa. All interests should be made mutual. An increased water supply which will add to the farming population will increase business in the city, and the advancement of the city as a base of supplies and a source of revenue will enhance the affairs of the county. For some time it has been thought that one portion of the county did not favor the lake proposition. We are led to believe now that this was a mistaken idea, or that new light has come to the objectors. In another part of this paper will be found a set of resolutions which are to be presented next Monday, at a meeting of the stockholders of the North Jordan Canal company, in the office of Attorney George L. Nye, and which indicate the desire of the leading officials of that company to join with others, in forwarding the movement to secure government aid for the great project in view. This is very gratifying. It is absolutely necessary that all the companies and individuals using or expecting to use water from the lake reservoir, which is to be the chief source of supply in this county, should come to common understanding and make common effort to obtain the appropriation that will be needed. This should be accomplished by the time Col. Newell arrives. Prof. Swendson's report will be submitted to him as chief of the reclamation service, and the waterusers ought also to be ready with their application. "Get a move on you," friends, and bring this important matter to an issue! There are other plans of moment to this city which depend largely upon the success of the lake project. Col. E. F. Holmes and the Commercial club of which he is president, are interested in securing for this city an ample water supply, which will warrant the expenditure of large sums of money in building and other enterprises, by capitalists and companies walting for a reliable opportunity for investment But this great movement for the Utah lake reservoir is paramount and must be first decided before other steps that are desirable can be taken. Let it be settled wihout delay!

used by the Deseret News on Tuesday evening, in connection with the Tribune's resuscitation of the lurid tales told by such old perjurers as the witness, who swore to having seen a man named Green "blood-atoned," as he called it, when his own wife and son and daughter who were with him at the time he swore to having witnessed the murder, testified that nothing of the kind had occurred, and afterwards the man Green himself came forward, and made affidavit that he was alive and that the old false witness had fabricated the whole story.

It was an anti-"Mormon" examination, an anti-"Mormon" procedure, an anti-"Mormon" decision, was purposely planned to effect an anti-"Mormon" election, and was fostered and approved by the anti-"Mormon"sheet called the Salt Lake Tribune. That was years before Reed Smoot was spoken of as a candidate for the United States Senate, and it has now no real bearing upon his right to a seat in the Senate. But it has been dug out of a dishonored grave by the same paper, and our reply was addressed to it as the same old "Mormon"-hating sheet that sticks at nothing to show its everlasting venom. All its twistings and turnings and

misapplication of our remarks and narratives of facts, do not make one real argument in the case before the public. The point in consideration is an alleged "apostolic oath," which has no existence and never was taken by any Apostle or Elder or other officer or member of the "Mormon" Church. The value of the decision as to what is termed the "endowment oath," relied upon in anti-"Mormon" attacks, is shown by the fact that it was and has been ignored in subsequent naturaliza. tion of "Mormon" applicants, and is worth in law and in fact just its weight in waste paper. to be enveloped in an ice-wrapper, that

If the Tribune thinks it will recoup its lost influence by rehashing its old anti-"Mormon" messes of falsehood and virulence, it is sadly mistaken. We are in an advanced epoch of Utah's history. The proper policy for all classes, parties and creeds here is mutual forbearance and charity and peace. We should pull together for the building up of the State. We will never have that strength we need for the purpose, until the acrimonious, lying and dividing spirit, that crops out every now and again in the anti-"Mormon" Tribune, is stamped out under the-feet of public disapproval.

Whatever may be the result of the furore created over the Senatoria! question, through the animus of sectarian preachers and the venom of anti-"Mormon" papers, the progress of Utah will not be achieved until the tongue of slander is silenced, the voice of calumny is stilled, and the broadminded citizens of all faiths determine that this kind of warfare shall cease. Except in fair religious discussion as to tenets and kindred matters, the very terms "Mormon" and "Gentile" should be dropped, and we should all he fel

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nificant. The claim is that the Russian representative in Sofia, who was sent there for the purpose of preventing the Bulgarian government from raising the Macedonian question at this time, has failed in his mission and left the Bulgarian capital. The Bulgarian government sent a note to Turkey reading almost like an ultimatum, demanding the execution of the promised reforms. At the same time there is ominious stir among the revolutionists. These would naturally regard hostilities in the far east as their golden opportunity. Spring is approaching. What will it bring? is

TALKING ABOUT ICE.

a timely question.

People sometimes draw hasty conclusions. Even good reasoners will do that occasionally. One instance of this is the assertion lately made by professed scientists, that the earth is about to enter another glacial period. They reason from several observations. The summers are said to have been phenomenally short and cool lately. As proof of this it is stated that the output of gold for 1893 in Alaska was nearly two million dollars less than 1892, owing to the short summer season. From other regions within the Arctic circle reports come to the effect that the ice extends far below Spitzbergen. Captain Coffin in com-

mand of the America, encountered ice in unusually low latitudes, and it is thought that he may find it difficult to make the usual northern points before he is frozen in. The Ziegler expedition had the same difficulty, and the failure of Baldwin may have been due, largely, to unusual conditions. Whether the conclusion is warranted, that the earth, or part of it, is again

wil make the northern temperate zone uninhabitable, and that may cause the earth to loose its balance, is a different question. Thorough researches have proved that the temperature of the earth has not suffered any essential change in historical times. There have been cycles of cold winters and short summers, followed by more temperate winters and longer summers, as if the earth on its progress through space, with the rest of our solar system, encountered cold waves and warmer waves successively. Within compara-

tively recent history, straits in northern Europe have been bridged over with ice strong enough for armies to march over. The year 1658 had such a cold winter. And yet, it was not the beginnig of a glacical period.

It is to be hoped that the Postal telegraph will come post haste. And now the New Year swear-offs

are about all off. The days are getting longer, perceptibly longer.

ious for its fevers.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

the States

var dies his battles must be fought over again. The death of General Longstreet is the latest illustration of this fact. His widow has appeared as his champion to sustain his military reputation and newspapers and magazines will probably be rich in Longstreet in-cidents for the next few months.

war did not meet with the entire ap-proval of the great majority of his fellow countrymen in the south. But it should be remembered that General Grant was his close personal friend, whom he greatly loved. He had per-formed in the old day conspicuous ser-vices for the Union commander. They had been comrades in Mexico. Grant was devoted to him, and after the sur render, when Longstreet was ruined and penniless, his old friend came to his rescue, and Longstreet could see no good cause why he could not accept office at his hands. So far as polities were concerned, Democrats and Repub-licans in the north looked alike to the southern people. Both parties had unit-ed in the invasion and subjugation of the south, and General Longstreet could see no reason why he could not join himself to the one as well as to the other. Whatever may be said of the veteran who has just died after a long and eventful life, his fame as a soldier is safe. He was a great general and a brave man.

country.



THE ANTI-"MORMON" SPIRIT,

A friend has just asked whether we had read the shallow jumble of the Tribune this morning, in attempted reply to the article in the Deseret News of Tuesday evening. We had not, then, but we have now, and think the term "shallow jumble" fits the effort precisely. But it is simply one of a long list of similar evasions and exhibitions of chop logic by the same paper, only its present weakness is evidence of rapid decadence, even along the lines pecullar to that anti-"Mormon" sheet.

That this designation is appropriate, needs no argument of ours. And that it does not depend for its significance upon the opposition of that paper to Senator Smoot, is clear from the fact that it is not applied by the "News" to other journalistic opponents of the Senator and that it was applied for many years to the Tribune, and not denied, long before Reed Smoot came

into prominence in political affairs.

low-citizens of this growing State and Panama has caught the expansion this magnificent republic. fever. But then the Isthmus is notor-

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Was it because Cupid shot an arrow Japan, it seems, refuses to accept the offer of Russia for a division of Corea, that Prince Cupid got "shot" in Washand the only chance for peace is, thereington? fore, in the retreat of Russia. If the Czar, as represented, does not desire Andrew Carnegie says that steel is war, there will be no war, unless Japan either prince or pauper. And octton is makes the attack; a great many things king. can be done in Russia without the

for the simple reason that the integrity

of those countries means the political

supremacy of Japan in eastern Asia,

while the division of those countries between European powers would mean

the isolation, perhaps the breaking up

of Japan, too. The Japanese statesmen

are keen enough to see the trap con-

right to protest against other powers

the Anglo-Japanese alliance which i

based on the recognition of indepen-

dence of China and Corea. It would in-

vite the other powers to the feast on

spoils. Germany would make the de-

mand to have her sphere of influence

at Klaochau bay extended so as to in-

clude one or more of the great provinces

of central China. This would also im-

ply a territorial extension of French

persessions at the south, and then Eng-

land could not afford to remain indiffer-

ent, but would be forced to demand

compensation by the allotment of ter-

ritory in the Yangtse valley. Thus, the

dismemberment of China and its reduc-

tion from an independent nation to a

number of dependencies upon Euro-

pean powers would become an inevit-

able conclusion, and Japan would see

the end of her influence over the Mon-

gollan races. This the Japanese govern-

In view of the critical situation, the

estimate of the military strength of the

two nations made by correspondents of

the London Times, is of interest. Accord-

ing to these authorities Japan has six

battleships that are considered better

than Russia's eight. Japan's six ar-

mored cruisers are said to be of a high-

er grade than Russia's five, and Japan

would have marked advantages in a

land fight. Russia, we are told by the

same authority, has 150,000 troops in the

Far East, and in three or four months

might raise the number to 200,000, but

its transcontinental railway, already

heavily taxed in shipping supplies,

would not serve for the rapid concen-

tration of troops. Japan's permanent

army is 190,000 and its reserves bring

the force up to 430,000. If Japan con-

trols the water it can land and keep

supplied an army that will more than

ment is bound to resiat to the utmost.

knowledge of the ruler, but when it As a last resort responsibility for the comes to actual warfare, he cannot be Iroquois theater horror might be placed kent in ignorance of the causes and upon Mrs. O'Leary's cow. plans. But if he is determined to maintain peace, his government must make Wife Murderer Rose is disgusted concessions. That seems to be settled. with the further postponement of his In this, Japan merely acts on the intrial. The public also is. stinct of self-preservation. Japan is committed to the policy of maintaining "A Holy Roller gathers no moss," the integrity of both China and Corea, says the Portland Oregonian. Only tar

and feathers. South of Mason and Dixon's line the people generally are color blind as to

the rights of negroes. The amount of advice that a theorist

can give a practical farmer is astonish-

cealed in the proposition to divide Coing. rea. It would deprive Japan of her-The new Board of Public works is coming on the scene with demands for a an excellent one. Yet after all they share of the plunder. It would break up must be judged by their works. San Francisco is greatly worked up

> over the fruit combine. Is it a case of sour grapes?

It is guite absurd to have the preliminary hearing in the Shockley case hold-up at the State prison. It smacks very much of sensationalism

A New York doctor says that the stomach is not indispensable. Perhaps not but it is very handy to have around.

Eighty-one allegations of irregularities in the election of members were filed at the re-opening of the reichstag yesterday. And they are so regular in Germany.

If a man cannot be convicted of mur der in the first degree on his own confession, then on the same testimony he cannot be convicted of any lesser crime.

"Tax-dodging has become a crime here in Newport," says the mayor of that celebrated watering place. Not so: it is merely a fad of "our best soci. ety.'

has fourteen protected cruisers to Rus. "Othello" has been successfully presla's eight. Russla's docking facilities sented in Tokio. Considering the maare not thought to be adequate for orterial to work on it would be easier dinary building and repairs, while Jafor Othello than for the fair Desdepan has facilities to meet any emergenmona to make up. cy. It is also thought that Japan

> Secretary Root says that this country s not preparing to go to war with Co. lombia. There is no necessity for it. It could lick Colombia with both hands tied; and that would be no cred-

> > GENERAL LONGSTREET.

Portland Oregonian. With Longstreet passes away the las

great captain of the Civil war. Lee and Johnston were clearly the greatest sol-diers of the Confederacy. If Beaure-gard had not suffered from broken