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objectives of the Japanese, makes it ominous of impending events of great importance. If all signs do not fail there will be great news from Port Arthur in the not very distant future.

A VALUABLE WORK.

anybody's property has been over as-A work will issue from the press of sessed. If there is any objection on the Deseret News about the begining that score, a remedy is provided by law of August, which will be of unusual infor its consideration. There should be an increase in the aggregate value of property, as the years go on, because of increased improvements and the introduction of new industries and establishments. So much for that, and it is repeated because of the crazy and malevolent attempts that have been made to misrepresent both our state-

ments and our intentions. The fact we have mentioned as to the total valuation being incontestible, what is the obvious reasoning that arises from it? Is it not that probably the county commissioners may see the way clear to make a little reduction of the tax levy? It has stood almost steadily for seven years at four and five-tenths mills; once it was four and two-tenths; and once at five tenths. If there is any good reason why there cannot be any reduction, for consistency's sake let us know what it is, instead of setting up a lot of ravings against imaginary "criticism" that has not been made, and an array of figures that have not the slightest bearing

higher than in any previous year. On

this we propose a reduction of the tax-

Now, let us emphasize the statement,

we have not complained and are not

complaining about this. We do not

say it is wrong. We do not assert that

rate.

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A JOYFUL OCCASION.

That was a magnificent display of

hospitality and respect for the aged

which was exhibited at Spanish Fork

on Friday, for the benefit of the Old

Folks of Salt Lake and participated in

by those in the southern part of Utah

county. The Rio Grande Western rail-

way, too, was splendld in its courtesy

and kindness, in furnishing freely the

immense and finely equipped train,

which so safely and pleasantly con-

veyed the old people to and fro on

their delightful trip. The street car

accommodations in this city were as

perfect as could be desired. The Utah

Light and Railway company with its

courteous officers and carmen, deserve

a big meed of praise, for the manner

in which the great crowd was handled

and gratultously carried without jar or

The Old Folks committee never con-

ducted an outing with better manage-

ment, and their aldes and the Old

Folks choir are entitled to the everlast-

of their loving kindness. Everything

the Nebo Stake authorities.

who help to make them so!

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upon the question presented. We must again make explanation There is nothing partisan or political in this simple suggestion of ours. It is purely financial and economic. It is in the interest of the taxpayers, and we have particularly in mind the property-owners who are not wealthy in pocket. Is it a crime to suggest something that would be a little relief to them? Is it "abuse" of anybody under the sun to merely spring the question of the propriety of reducing a tax-rate? We do not intend to be silenced on this question, either by the rash insinuations of malice or the patent untruths of ignorance. These have been hurled at us without the shadow of reason, because we offered a suggestion in the public interest. Nor will that old, stu-

pid and petty trick of a morning paper to make it appear that our purpose is partisan, have the desired effect of muzzling the "News" or making capiing gratitude of all who were recipients tal for irrational partisans. When we know we are right, we propose to go ahead.

moved like clockwork timed by the sun. The only unpleasant feature of the day But the question is asked, why we was the duststorm kicked up by the did not ask the Mayor and City Counsouth wind, and that would have been cil, the State Board of Equalization stilled if it had been in the control of and the School Board to make reductions. Well, the answer is that we The Old Folks treat is a Salt Lake inwere treating simply on the question of the county valuation and tax-rate. stitution worthy of all commendation. The querist, jumping to the conclusion It has been patterned after in many that we were "abusing" the county places, and we echo the wish of Presiboard in asking a mild question, acts dent Lyman, that it may be made an like the urchin who cries, "Why didn't annual entertainment in every city, town, village and hamlet in these mounyou slap Billy and Johnny and Sammy tains, and be imitated throughout the as well as me?" But replying seriously world. God bless the dear old people to a silly question, we say: 'The burwho have weathered the storms of life, den of debt upon the city with the and cause their last days on earth to current expenses, render it unlikely that be peaceful and joyful; and may a full there will be a lower tax-rate at presont. The rate for the State tax is fixed reward come to those generous souls by law, and the uninformed interrogator shows his ignorance in his question, WHO WILL RESPOND? as the State Board has no more authority to change the rate than he has. The Dr. Groves L. D. S. hospital is As to the Board of Education, every-

terest and usefullness to the theological classes in the Church schools and universities, the quorums of the Priesthood, and the Latter-day Saints generally. The subjects treated are on Priesthood and Church Government, which are taken up in detail, and explained and supported by coplous citations from Church standards. A synopsis of its contents will be found on another page of this issue of the Deseret

News. The author and compiler is Professor Joseph B. Keeler, of the Brigham Young University at Provo, who has devoted much time, talent and labor in its production, and whose name will recommend it to the studious. Although it is not prepared in the form of an ordinary treatise on the subjects set forth, nor as an introduction of anything novel or startling, it is new in the sense that if arranges and presents In proper order and in a manner not undertaken before, the principles and written authorities for them that enter into the important subjects suggested by the title. From a close scrutiny of its pages as they have been set in type,

we are able to commend the work heartily to all who take an interest in the organibzation and discipline of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and especially to the classes and quorums that make those important matters a comprehensive and detailed study. We think that Elder Keeler has produced a work which will prove of immense value to all who desire to become fully acquainted with the universally admired order of government in the "Mormon" Church.

Those pickets are a fence for intimidation.

A word to the Baltic fleet: Let well enough alone.

The butchers are striking for neither home nor country. The strikers refuse to butcher even to

make a Roman holiday. As the Japs are saying nothing prob.

ably they are sawing wood. Beef is so high now that it isn't nec-

essary to keep it until it is "high." To Santos-Dumont all Americans will

say, "Come back across this stormy water." Mr. Bryan seems to find it utterly im-

possible to cut off his phonograph appendix. General Miles has congratulated Judge Parker. In so doing he has fallen into line

The Japanese may have the key to Port Arthur but as yet they have not unlocked the door thereto.

It does not follow because Vice Presidential Candidate Davis's middle name most attractive garb. That is the ex-planation of the transformation that takes place in a woman who is a moth-er. She may be plain otherwise, but when she bends over her babe in an ec-stasy of mother-love, she becomes beau-tiful and in proportion as we give stasy of mother-love, she becomes beau-tiful. And in proportion as we give place to unselfah love do we become attractive. There is no masseur like love to work miracles in a homely face. There is no facial specialist who can begin to do as much to make a plain young man or woman attractive, to overcome deformity or hide blemishes, as the magician love can do. To hate is to become hateful. To love as Christ loved is to become lovely. It is not a cheap recipe, for such iove costs in pro-portion to its depth and intensity. But

either of anxiety or irritation, know not either of anxlety or irritation, know not what an opening they thereby give to the devil in their hearts. "Fret not thyself," says the psalmist, "else shalt thou be moved to do evil." And in en-tire harmony with this warning of the elder scriptures is the precept of St. Paul against undue indulgence of an-ger: "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath neither cire place to the ger: Let not the sin go down upon your wrath, neither gree place to the devil." Peace is the sentinel of the soul, which keeps the heart and the mind of the Christian through Christ Jesus. So long as this sentinel is on guard and doing his duty, the castle of the soul is kept secure. But let the sentinel be removed, and the way is opened immediately. opened immediately for an attack upon the fortress.

In recent years the Catholic church has changed its tactics in regard to Bi-ble societies. It no longer contents it-self merely with the negative policy of condemning the work of these associa-tions, but seeks in a positive manner to meet them in their own field by issu-ing translations of the Scriptures that have been made with the approval of the church. It is especially interest-ing to note that it is the Latin races of Southern Europe who are taking the lead in this matter. The Osservatore Romann, which is the official journal of the Vatican, has repeatedly published articles on this subject. In No. 107 this paper reports that the Vatican press is now publishing an edition of the gos-pels and acts in Italian, with notes, and that a committee is busily engaged in preparing this book, the purpose being gradually to accustom the people to the reading of the Bible and to make it "Just as popular as it is among the peoples or Northern Enrope."

Bunyan, the tinker of Bedford, never freamed that his great work of the imagination, written to conserve the individualistic Puritan type of religion, would be put on the stage in London of a later time, and the Puritan settlers of New England and their missionary-supporting descendants who founded the American Board of Foreign Missions never imagined, that the time would come at the national control when a come at the national capital when a medieval morality play, acted by the English actors, would be sanctioned by medeval morality play, acted by the English actors, would be sanctioned by the church as a legitimate mode of ed-ucation both in receiving spiritual truth from the play itself and in gain-ing funds with which to do missionary work. No one who has read "Pilgrim's Progress" will be surprised that it has been seized upon for its scenic possibi-lities, and for its adaptation to the in-genious devices of modern stage man-agers. Of anything like dramatic unity it is wanting, but its cast of characters are as life-like today as they were when Bunyan wrote, and its homilies touch on universal and ever-constant foibles and sins, and these will afford oppor-tunity for subtle interpretation and ef-fective modern preachment: Ted if oth-erwise objectionable, the presentation will appeal to that ever-increasing will appeal to that ever-increasing number of religious people who realize that the church and the stage have so much in common that they can not af-





detion. It is expected that it will be ready for dedication by the October conference. This is a much needed institution. A place where the sick and afflicted among the Latterday Saints may find fitting care and attention from physicians, surgeons, nurses and attendants of their own faith has been greatly desired, and this splendid establishment will fully meet the long-felt need. It will not, however, be exclusive of anybody. But the building is one thing and its equipment is another thing.

The munificent bequest by Dr. W. H. Groves reaches the sum of about \$50,000. The Church has met this by a still larger amount. The Fifteenth ward in this city, at its dissolution and division of funds gave \$10,000 to the hospital. Senator Thomas Kearns has contributed \$1,000 and so has Mr. David Keith. Mrs. Julia Brixon has generously given \$200 and Mr. W. B. Barton \$100. The latter amounts will go towards internal furnishings, and it is in that direction that further help is needed. Here is an opportunity for the benevolent and well-to-do in the community, to extend their aid to a most worthy institution.

The sum of \$600 will fit up an entire ward for the sick, \$200 will furnish what is needed for a room of the best class, the next grade will cost \$150, while a cot will require but \$50. These several amounts will form an endowment for the purpose desired. The names of donors of such sums will be inscribed on a tablet in the main hall of the building, and will surly be registered in heaven, as those of men and women who lay up treasures there by sacrifice on earth. Now is the right time to come to the aid of the hospital, and we hope the appeal will not be made in vain.

, The structure stands upon a commanding site, will be first-class in every respect, its faculty will be such as no one can rightly belittle, all its appliances will be up-to-date, and everything that modern science has demon strated to be essential for the securing of the best possible results, will be obtained by those who have this important enterprise in hand.

We hope to hear that responses to the request for financial support will be many and substantial; and that this aplendid project will be aided by the Saints generally, so that we all may be proud of the institution which was started in a spirit of charity for the afflicted of our fellow creatures, and should be finished and furnished in the same spirit of love for humanity.

THAT TAX-RATE QUESTION.

At the risk of farring some supersensitive nerves, we venture once more to bring to the front the subject of county tax-reduction. In doing so we have no intention to find fault with what has been done, or left undone, in the past in relation to this matter. It is not our present desire to make any contrasts or comparisons as to the work of individuals, or parties or cliques. Our proposition is simply this: The total valuation of property for this

body who knows anything about matter is aware that, notwithstanding the false statements of the querist, the amount obtained from the last levy was insufficient, and private contributions were necessary to provide funds to finish the school term. Our contemporary had better get somebody who knows something to write up the ravings of a disgruntled partisan next time, if it wants that kind of padding for its columns.

Now, let there be no mistake. We have uttered no words but those of eulogy of the present county commissioners. We have not attempted to find any fault with them; we have only presented a simple suggestion for them to consider and, as we previously stated, the figures for the valuations and tax-levies for the past ten years were shown to us, without solicitation on our part, directly or indirectly, by a prominent Republican who certainly had no desire to criticize the board, and they were published without a thought that any same person or paper would go into a fit of partisan hysterics, or exhibit rage, at a question of purely public interest, to which no one in a state of ordinary mental balance would take exception. But coming down once more to the real issue, cannot the county board take a little off the old rate in the tax-levy for 1904? That is the whole

AROUND PORT ARTHUR.

matter in a single sentence.

For nearly a week past there have been rumors of tremendous losses by the Japanese around Port Arthur, the number slain and wounded having been put at thirty thousand. At first these rumors were doubted even the Russians themselves scarcely daring to accept them, so joyful were they. Finally, they came to be believed because there came from Japan no denial of them. and silence was taken to give consent. Now there comes from the headquarters staff of the Japanese army an official denial of the reports from St. Petersburg that the Japanese lost thirty thousand men in s battle near Port Arthur on July 10 or 11. The denial states that not a shot was fired on either day. Since the receipt in St. Petersburg of the denial of these reports, skepticism as to the truth of the report from Viceroy Alexieff's headquarters has pervaded all circles, although members of the general staff decline to accept the denial unreservedly. Alexleff's report was based on information from "Japanese sources," but what those sources were has never been divulged. It has been regarded, right along, as strange that the information did not come from Russian sources, whence news of a victory would naturally be expected. The question now arises, Was the rumor

put out for a purpose? No one can, at this stage, say. If there has been no big battle fought near Port Arthur, and it seems that there has not, everything points to one in the near future. The absence of any news from there or the vicinity, when county for 1904 is \$50,172,362. That is it is known that it is one of the great always seeks to clothe itself in the

saway that he is a vegetarian A train robber is an amateur when he fails to make a "haul." When it pays him he becomes a professional.

Let the strikers be moderate and remember that as they meat it out to others so shall it be meated out to them.

Secretary Hay is to be decorated with the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honer, As Mark Twain said, "Few escape it."

Secretary Paul Morton says that the United States should have the largest navy of any country in the world. Time did not permit him to tell why it should.

Judge Parker has broken silence. To a delegation of neighbors who called on him he said: "There are no friends like the old friends." A truth disputed by no one. The wind storms are exceedingly dis-

agreeable and hard to endure, but thus far this season each one has been fellowed by a day or two of cool, delightful weather. And so it is that "it is an ill wind that blows nobody any good." A jolly old cove is Speaker Cannon.

Speaking of his approaching visit to Oyster Bay to notify the President of his nomination, he says, "It will be my duty to spring the surprise on the President." And it goes without saying that he will be de-light-ed with the surprise,

In the house of commons yesterday, Mr. Houston (Conservative) asked whether, in view of the meat strike in America and the consequent danger of a meat famine in England, the board of trade would not consider the desirability of permitting the importation of live stock from Argentina. "Oh, the roast beef of England and old England's roast beef!"

We have seen a number of good fish stories this year, but none so good as this from the New York World;

this from the New York World: "Mrs. John Biddle, of Mine Hill, N. J., caught in Budd's Lake Sunday a twelve-pound pickerel, in the stomach of which was found a watch stolen from her three years ago. The Biddle home was robbed of all the Jeweiry in it by a burglar, who when caught said that he had rowed out into the middle of Budd's Lake and demped the stuff overboard. He was convicted and sen-tered, but note of the piurcher was recovered until the watch was so strangely restored to Mrs. Biddle. She thinks of fishing every day to see if she strangely restored to Mrs. Biddle. Sne thinks of fishing every day to see if she cannot recover the rest of her jewelry." ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

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