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VOTE WITHOUT FEAR.

In another part of this imprint of then from Poestelle, Idaho, in which writer discloses the reported pur pose of the anti-"Mormon" plotters in that state to challenge "Mormon" s prosumably on the ground of religious affiliations. No qualivoter should refrain from doing his duty on that account. All such vot-ers should go to the polls early and ergine the rights of a United States m, in spite of lilegal opposition.

No one can legally be prevented voting because of religious belief, or Church associations. The qualifications of a voter are well de. ined. Anyone who can swear or affirm that he is a citizen of the United States and has attained the required agot and has the residence qualifications and has never been convicted of certain crimes, and who is willing to observe the laws of the State and the laws of the land, has a right to vote, and there is absolutely no other ground for legal challenge. No "test oath" is provided by the law of the State, except the one that every voter is required to subscribe to, and there is no authority in the state to change that oath, or provide a substitute, except the legislature. We understand the scheme is to intimidate "Mormon" voters by reading to them a special "test oath." or perhaps to prevent a large percentage of Mormon" voters from casting their votes, by wasting the time with roading a so-called "test eath" to each voter as he presents himself at the polls, but such schemes should be circumvented by the votersfearlessly exercising their rights and privileges as citizens.

The constitution of Idaho provides: The constitution of Idaho provides: "No person shall be permitted to vote, serve as a juror or hold any civil office who is a bigamist or polygamist, or is living in what is known as pa-triarchal, plural or celestial marriage, or in violation of any law of this state, or of the United States, forbidding any such crime, or who in any manner teaches, advises, counsels, alds or en-courages any one to commit such crime," etc.

This provision, it is supposed, is to form a pretext for the alleged disfranchisement plan, but there is nothing in this to which a member of the Church cannot conscientiously subscribe. According to eminent legal authority, the rule of interpretation of law is, that the words of the conshould be given the meaning

front again, as in the early history of the Church. Under the circumstances It is incumbent upon every true Amer-Ican citizen to do his duty loyally, without fear and without selfish motives.

A DANGEROUS AGITATION.

The prompt action taken by our government to acquaint the authorities at Tokio with the purely local character of the anti-Japanese agitation in San Francisco, is evidence of the estimation in which the Japanese nation is held today. It has always been the aim of the United States to treat all nations, whether large or small, according to the "golden rule." In this case the sltuation was immediately recognized as "grave," and the government took

prompt action accordingly. It seems that a couple of years ago

some editor commenced an anti-Japanese agitation for the selfish purpose of becoming popular and obtaining a seat in the United States senate. In the same way Southern agitators have frequently used the negro question for the furtherance of their personal ambitions, and unserupulous agitators in this region have tried to rise to fame and power on the wings of anti-"Mormonsm." The Japanese representatives here and their government officials may be aware of this American peculiarity, but the people generally cannot be expected to understand it, and hence the gravity of the situation.

The reports circulated in Tokio were that Japanese laborers were excluded from work in San Francisco, because of their race peculiarities, and that Japanese children were driven from the chools. This is virtually denied by our government, in its dispatches to Ambassador Wright. In these it is stated that the "labor troubles" are no other than ordinary local disturbances of which no official notice should be taken, and that the trouble about the schools has arisen from the fact that the buildings formerly used by the schools had been destroyed by the late earthquake and fire. The assurance was added that 'the general government of the United States will not for a moment entertain the idea of any treatment toward the Japanese people other than that accorded to the people of the most friendly European nation, and that there is no reason to suppose that the people of the United States desire our government to take any different course."

The dispatch closes by saying that the President has directed the department of justice to investigate the matter and ake such steps as the facts call for. This is satisfactory as far as it goes, but the trouble is that the Federal gov. erament has not the power to enforce its policy of conciliation against agitators who control state governments. This is an anomaly. The government has the authority to enter treatles and make promises, but if a state refuses to honor obligations thus entered into, it is helpless. In cases where the faith of the country is pledged, this certainly is unfortunate. Some of our citizens have so long carried themselves with arrogance and brutality toward the Chinese and the negroes, that they have guite naturally reached the conclusion that they can with impunity trample upon all who are considered objectionable. It should be no surprise to find that the keen witted and industrious Japanese will not submit to indignity and insult with humility.

killed. It was a splendid tribute to American marksmanship.

Enormous registration frauds are being developed in Los Angeles. Nothing angelic about such doings.

The busy W. C. T. U. wants Senator Smoot excluded from the Senate, It will be a very long felt want.

A boy of nineteen has been arrested in New York for registering himself fourteen times under different names.

How kind of Senator Dubois to set the President right on the Idaho situation! It was this kind of kindness that once killed a cat.

The other day Police Commissioner Bingham of New York shifted over righty police captains. As a measure of reform it was merely a makeshift.

If not very careful some of the wandaring Utes will yet find themselves in the "happy Bunting grounds," Their builbeadedness is leading them that WHY.

Mr. Hearst has had excerpts from some of President Roosevelt's speeches printed in parallel with some of his own views. The parallel between the two men stops right there.

Fining the Standard Oll company \$5,000 for defiance of the lay will have bout the same effect on it as Mrs. Partington's efforts to sop up the Atlantic had on the ocean.

The Panama canal commission has discovered that there is a dearth of labor in the world. The discovery is alnost as startling as when Balboa went up on a peak in Darien and discovered the Pacific ocean.

The second death in this city from an automobile accident occurred yesterday afternoon. It was most regrettable and the blame for it seems to lie entirely with the chauffeur, who had a machine with which he was not familiar and which had no horn of any kind attached to sound a warning.

Bishop M. C. Harris, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal church for Japan and Corea, speaking of the exclusion of Japanese children from the schools of San Francisco, and the treatment of Japanese there, says: "In spite of these things, however, the Japanese are fully aware that they proceed from local conditions, and do not indicate a national prejudice on our part." The bishop may be right, but if the Japanese people do understand that some outrages on their fellow Japanese in San Francisco are the result of local conditions, they show a wonderfully philosophic turn of mind, a turn of mind that we Americans rarely show when there are outbreaks against Americans in the Orient and Japanese or Chinese authorities attribute them to local conditions. What the bishop says should teach us to be less hasty in condemning a whole nation for the wrongs committed by a few of its people. Light may even come to us from the east.

Chairman Woodruff is seriously thinking of appealing to the President to do something in the New York campaign because Hearst has had the termerity to publish, in paralled columns, extracts from some of the President'

If you have trouble, bear it and grin-Smile and smile till the smile grows in



you are

a pretty big price even for so large a bird, but it is believed that a careful examination of the seconds would dis-close the fact that occasionally a small hot one actually costs more.-Indianapolis News.



they were intended to bear when that instrument was framed and adopted; and that, in the construction of the constitution, we must look to the history of the times and examine the state of things existing when it was framed and adopted.

If this rule is applied to the conetitutional provision quoted, it is evident that its purpose is to discourage the practice of bigamy, polygamy and unlawful cohabitation, by disqualifying persons who engage in, or encourage, such practices from votserving on juries and holding civil offices. This being the purpose of the constitutional provision, no citisen who is not living in violation of the laws can rightfully be disqualified. No special notice need in this con-

nection be taken of the expression "celestial marriage," since the evident purpose of the framers of the constitution was to prohibit only so-called "plural" marriage. In the constitution the terms plural marriage and celestial marriage clearly refer to the same marriage relation, while in the opinion of Church members, celestial marriage pertains to a future state, and is therefore entirely outside the jurisdiction of earthly legislatures and courts.

That the Church as an organization does not teach, or advise, or aid, any

person to enter into unlawful marriage relations is sufficiently proved by the official declarations on that subject. The following statement made at the conference April 6, 1904, is to the point:

"Inasmuch as there are numerous reports in circulation that plural marreports in circulation that plural mar-riages have been entered into contrary to the official declaration of President Woodruff, of September 26, 1590, com-monly called the Manifesto, which was issued by President Woodruff and adopted by the Church at its general conference October 6, 1590, which for-bade any marriages violative of the faw of the land; I. Joseph F. Smith, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, hereby affirm and declare that no such marriages have declare that no such marriages have been solemnized with the sanction, consent or knowledge of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and I hereby appounde that all such may-rlages are probibited, and if any offi-cer or member of the Church shall as-sume to solemnize or enter into any such marriage, he will be deemed in transformation as for the Church at a transgression against the Church, etc.

The Church by unanimous vote adopted this declaration by the following resolution:

'Resolved that we the members of "Resolved that we the members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in general conference as-sembled, hereby approve and endorse the statement of declaration of Presi-dent Joseph F. Smith, just made to this conference, concerning plural mar-riages, and will support the courts of the Church in the enforcement there-of."

This is the position of the Church. and no member who is qualified to cast a vote need to hesitate to do so because of his affiliation with the Church. We do not advise any one how to vote. but we do urge all qualified voters to use their rights as citizens, notwithstanding efforts that may be made .* intimidation. Great principles are involved. The question whether the mob spirit is to prevail against the principles of liberty embodied in the Constitution of the United States is to the

The Japanese are rapidly coming to the front. A Japanese statesman makes these observations and forecasts:

"As to the future condition of the world's powers we may rank the nations thus: Britain, America, Germany, Russia, France and Japan must take her place in the group. It cannot be dis-puted that Japan now ranks as one of the six leading powers of the world. To the six leading powers of the world. To state the matter exactly I may say that Britain and Germany, Russia and France are the four great powers po-litically in the old world, and Amer-ica and Japan are the two great pow-ers in the new world of the future. As a matter of fact, Japan has a popula-tion of 6 per cent of all the total pop-ulation in the Aslatic continent, which, with the assimilated power of European civilization might by her example, suc-ceed in awakening other Oriental races to the light of Western civilization, so that for the future in the Far East the that for the future in the Far East the other nations of the West cannot afford to discount us."

This may, or may not, be the destiny of the Japanese, but they are entitled to all the rights and privileges assured them in the treaties made by this country, and every citizen should make it a point to uphold the honor of his country in his associations with "the stranger within our gates,"

A POPULAR AUTHOR DEAD.

In the death of Alfred Hedenstjerna Sweden has lost one of her most popular authors. Wherever Swedish literature is known "Sigurd," the nom de plume of the late writer of fiction, is a familiar name, and many of his literary productions were translated into German, where they were almost as much appreciated as in his own native land, although his writings can no more be done full justice to in a translation than can the works of Ibsen.

"Sigurd" has been called the Dickens of Sweden. Many of his stories and sketches are unsurpassed in sweetness and purity of thought and deliof diction. His humor way cacy refined. Like Dickens, he was the champion of the poor and downtrodden. By laying bare their real ondition, pointing out social abuses and unjust inequalities, and bringing legal oppressors to the bar of public opinion. he has done much toward bringing about more humane social conditions among the lowly. His pen could draw a tear as often as a smile.

Hedenstjerna was a man of the people and could therefore write for the people. In school he was backward, and was therefore sent to a farm, and on the farm he developed the marvelous qualities that made him a popular author. By accident he found his real calling. He was asked to become a local conributor for a provincial paper, and his contributions made such a hit that two years later he was offered a place on the editorial staff. The position grew into a partnership, which lasted until the dissolution of the firm in 1898, when

obvious: to show that the views of a candidate on some subject are the same as those of some public public man who is generally recognized as an authority on it, or at least whose opinion carries great weight. The Independence league document is a campaign document and there is no reason why Mr. Roosevelt should issue a card repudiating it. He is in no way responsible for it, and his quoted words are his own. There is no insult in using them, there is no disrespect, there is no lese majeste. A President's utterances on public questions are public property and anyone is at liberty to use them. Chairman Woodruff takes a very narrow view of the matter, one that scarcely will be endorsed at the White House. ALL RUSSIA REVOLUTIONARY. The Independent.

But, whatever are the differences of opinion and of tactics existing between the Russian parties struggling for freeopinion and of tactics existing between the Russian parties struggling for free-dom, there is a certain feeling of unity and solidarily that permeates all these parties. This will continue until the first and great aim of the movement, the political principle, is definitely won, . . . Every party in Russia is a revo-hitionary party now. The fault does not lie with the people, but rather with the government. They are revolu-tionary in their aims because the whole of Russia is revolutionary, because Russia wants to be suddenly changed and to make up for lost time. They are revolutionary in their methods in the measure in which peaceful means are refused to them. In the twentieth century it is impossible to admit that a government can remain which, in order to exterminate throwing bombs, can think of no other means than that of exterminating the population by dint+of a regular army which throws bullets. It is a shame, a dishonor, to civilization, and is no longer to be ad-mitted. mitted.

ONE CENTENARIAN IN 127,000. Hospital.

Hospital. The labors of Sir George Murray Humphry proved that there is about one centenarian to every 127,000 people, and that of 70 authenticated cases no one reached 110 years, three only are full exercise of the various powers, mental and bodily, is conducive to free of entering heartify, actively and with full interest and energy hito the assigned work of life, physical and with full interest and energy hito the mental. The inhabitants of any course vall, point with pride to the number of hale and hearty octogenarians, non-agentarians and centenarians living mong them as an evidence of their beathy environment and hygienie to genarians and 620 nonagenarians, 89 of the bit habitants of Paris with the full interest and the series in the provide the number of the series of



Albany Argus. Albany Argus. Albany Argus. Have you tried smiling? It is the latest remedy for all the ills of the fiesh and the spirit, and it is cheap. All that is necessary to do to try the new "smile cure" which, we are informed, the London doctors are recommending, is to lift the corners of the mouth alightly by means of the facial muscles, wanted the other day and both were Albany Argus. Have you tried smiling? It is the flesh and the spirit, and it is cheap. All that is necessary to do to try the new "smile cure" which, we are informed, the London doctors are recommending, is to lift the corners of the mouth alightly by means of the facial muscles, ing-glass night and moraing until the