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THE ATTACK ON THE SCHOOLS

The anti-Mormon spokesmen in
this city continue the silly pastime in
which it has indulged lately. It con-
tinues painting Beesbees on the wall,
and telling its audience that he will
early set 'em, 'if they do not watch
out." The performance would be at
least as amusing as the average Punch
and Judy show, but for the fact that
the performer, for apparent selfish pur-
poses, is trifling with interests vital
to this community. It is for the voters
to administer, at the polls, the proper
rebuke to the malice and egotism that
dictate such a course.We are told now that, un-
less the Board of Education in
this city is made over into an anti-
"Mormon" machine, the schools will be
so "Mormonized" that none but "Mor-
mon" teachers can be employed. That
is one of the ugly features painted on
the wall, by the anti-Mormon organ.
There are others. But that one is made
particularly prominent. And does it not
frighten the innocents?But what is the record of the school
administration in this city so far? It is
this, that 74 "Mormons" and 290 non-
"Mormons" are now employed in the
public schools. The High school has
35 non-"Mormon" and 2 "Mormon"
teachers. Of 25 school principals, 17
are non-"Mormons." And this with-
out the fact that of the 13,500 chil-
dren attending, at least 8,000 are of
"Mormon" parentage. Does this show-
ing justify the malicious cry that the
schools must be rescued from "Mor-
mon" domination?Further, school teachers are now al-
ways appointed without reference to
their religion, or politics. Merit alone
is considered. These are facts that can-
not truthfully be contradicted. But how
will this be, if the Board of Education
is made partisan, and anti-Mormon,
as the plan is? Then, merit would no
longer count. Political services would
have to be rewarded with "positions"
and salaries, and the schools would be
so used, "Mormons" would be dis-
charged because of their religion. Hat-
red and strife, born of bigotry, would
soon penetrate from the board to the
teachers and from the teachers to the
classroom and the playground, until the
children themselves would be divided in
hostile camps, mutually ostracizing
each other. Can parents take the risk
of making such conditions probable?
Can business men, interested in the
preservation of peace and good will
among all classes of good citizens, be
supposed to countenance an effort at
denial a "body blow" to the schools?
Will tax-payers generally be guided
by the rhetorical outbursts of a cir-
cus "barker" advertising a fake show?The "News," as has been stated re-
peatedly, has no candidates to support.
But there is a non-partisan ticket in
the field, and one partisan, and "Mor-
mon." The former has been selected
by citizens of all parties in the best
interests of the schools. The other was
selected, with a view of dealing a "body
blow" to a church. We do not believe
that anyone animated by a sense of
justice can hesitate between the two. A
ticket that has to be supported by mis-
erable falsehoods such as those the
Tribune daily offers, cannot be worthy
of support. If a ticket cannot win on
its merits, it deserves defeat.We have no other interest in this
election. We hope to see the schools
preserved from partisan strife and po-
litical corruption. All good citizens
entertain the same hope. Let them unite
in defense of their children, and for
the preservation of peace and good
will in our midst.

AMERICA GOOD ENOUGH.

At a Thanksgiving banquet given by
the American Society in London, one
of the guests, Sir Edward Clarke, in
an address, objected to the name
"America" as applied to whatever be-
longed to this country. His argument
was the old one, that Great Britain
is an American power, too, and that
numerous other countries have a right
to be called Americans.We presume Sir Edward's remarks
were intended for a capital joke. We
are led to that conclusion by the fact
that he suggested "Usona"—the first
letters of United States of North
America—as a substitute for America.
But the joke is neither original enough,
nor funny enough, to excite mirth. It
is gratifying, however, to contemplate
the fact that this country has made
the name America an object of envy
among the nations of the world. Were
it not such a honorable name, therewould be no quarrel about the title
to it.We will retain the name. Custom is
the only authority in such matters, and
by that authority, it is ours. Canada
is known all over the world as the
Dominion of Canada. The full name
of Mexico is United States of Mexico;
of Colombia, the United States of Co-
lombia; of Venezuela, the United
States of Venezuela. These countries
are always called respectively Mexico,
Colombia and Venezuela. The name of
this country is the United States of
America. Why should it not, analogous
to what is the custom as regards other
countries in this hemisphere, be known
as America? Furthermore, this excel-
lent custom of abbreviation has been
sanctioned by official government ac-
tion. The order was issued by the
state department June 14 last. While
at London Mr. Hay's cards read
"American ambassador" instead of
"ambassador of the United States." The
diplomatic and consular officers of other
nations upon the western hemi-
sphere are known by the geographical
name of their country, as, for instance,
the Mexican ambassador and the Bra-
zilian minister. For reasons identical
to those which underlie this custom,
Secretary Hay determined to use the
musical and nonconflicting abbrevia-
tion "American." The order also pro-
vided for the substitution of "America"
for "United States" upon all seals, rec-
ords, signs, cards, etc., of our diplo-
matic and consular officers. This makes
excellent authority for the name to
which Sir Edward objected.Countries are not named by ani-
grams. Our friends across the sea
would hardly class their magnificent
countries under a commoner obtained
from the initials of sav, Great Britain,
England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland,
and call it "Go Wils" for short. And
yet, that would not be any more ab-
surd than the suggestion to call this
country "Usona."

TWO TIMELY BOOKS

The Deseret News book store now
has for sale two books of special interest
to all intelligent readers, who desire to
keep posted on the current events of
the day. Both are issued by Houghton,
Mifflin and Co., Boston and New York.One of these volumes deals with
"The Russo-Japanese Conflict." Its
causes and issues. The author of this
is Dr. Asakawa, who is regarded as the
most accomplished Japanese student of
Eastern Asiatic politics and history
now writing in English. He is highly
thought of by economists and histori-
ans in his own and in this country. A
good map and several interesting por-
traits form the illustrative features of
the volume. It gives the story of the
relations between Japan and Russia,
Japan and Korea, Russia and Man-
churia and Manchuria and Japan, from
a Japanese point of view.The other little volume deals with
"Arbitration and the Hague Court,"
and the author is John Foster, who is
authority on all questions of diplomacy.
The book contains a brief review of the
events relating to arbitration, up to the
convocation of the Hague Peace con-
ference; it states the circumstances
under which that conference was
called, the Appropriateness of The
Hague for such an assembly, and the
distinguished personnel and spirit of
the conference.The American public will certainly
take a greater interest than ever in
questions pertaining to arbitration.
Russia and Great Britain have just
paid this country the compliment of
asking our government to have a rep-
resentative on the commission of in-
quiry that is to investigate, and deter-
mine the responsibility for, the North
Sea incident. Four members of the
commission are to be named by Rus-
sia, England, France and the United
States respectively, and these four are
to select a fifth. France is the ally of
Russia. This country will almost cer-
tainly be regarded as an ally of Great
Britain, and the possibilities of complica-
tions that may arise on this account
are such that the entire question of
arbitration assumes grave importance.
An authoritative work on the Hague
Court must therefore be welcomed by
the reading public.

A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

Mexico certainly is a good neigh-
bor. According to statistics pub-
lished, of all the goods that country
buys abroad, she gets three-fifths from
the United States. Of all the goods
she sells abroad she sends three-quar-
ters to the United States. There is no
other country, except Canada, which
buys so large a part of her imports
from us, and there is no other country,
except Cuba, which sells so large a part
of her exports to us.

Says the Chicago Record-Herald:

"The last decade and a half have wit-
nessed a rapid growth of this trade. Our
exports to Mexico, which in the last
fiscal year were in round numbers \$46,-
000,000, have increased three and a half
times since 1890, and our imports, which
were last year \$40,000,000, have prac-
tically doubled. Railroad building is the
great cause for the growth. The
through lines have given our merchants
advantages which merchants of other
countries do not have, and which are
still lacking to us in our trade with
the Central American states."The Mexicans take \$2,000,000 worth
of our coal and the same amount of our
raw cotton in a year. They spend
about \$2,000,000 each for our cars and
carriages, locomotives, mineral and
vegetable oils and lumber. Half a mil-
lion dollars or more of their money is
paid out for scientific instruments, for
electrical machinery, for builders' hard-
ware, for sewing machines and for fur-
niture."Fate has decreed that we are only
to have two immediate neighbors on the
continent, Mexico and Canada. Both
of them are good neighbors, commer-
cially and otherwise. The more neigh-
borly they get the better."

TO TEST THE EYES.

We understand a movement is con-
templated, to test the eye-sight of all
children attending the schools. The
board of health will supply the neces-
sary charts, and, if the plan is carried
out, the teachers will be asked to make
the test according to the instructions
to be furnished.Such tests have been made in schools
in Chicago, and perhaps in other cities,with the result that a very large per-
centage of boys and girls have been
found to have defective sight. Simi-
lar tests regarding hearing have given
similar results.But what, it may be asked, is gained
by the demonstration of these facts? It
is well known that nervous diseases,
headache, and mental weakness may
be traced to defective sight. Many
children suffer in this way, and par-
ents and teachers do not even suspect
the cause. Many children are, at times,
inattentive, from mental exhaustion;
they are unable to follow the stronger
pupils in their studies, because of the
strain on their eyes, but they are un-
conscious of the cause, and conse-
quently do not think of looking for a
remedy. By tests in the schools such
physical weaknesses would be detected
and remedied, as far as possible.We hope the school superintendents
and teachers will consider the propo-
sition favorably. In modern education
it is recognized, we believe, that men-
tal and moral development depend to
some extent upon the physical well-
being of the children. We supply well
ventilated, light rooms, comfortable
chairs, play grounds, because these are
necessary adjuncts to the schools. The
principle must be further applied, as
experience finds it necessary. And in
improvements the Utah schools must
be in the foremost ranks, as they al-
ways have been.A Black cloud has risen on Sena-
tor Depew's political horizon. Will he be
able to dispel it?The Standard Oil inquiry, it is said,
will be exhaustive. And to some very
exhausting, no doubt.For a mushroom town Zeigler is do-
ing very well indeed in the way of liv-
ing the strenuous life.Governor Peabody has his eye on
the Senate. But the eyes don't always
have the majority vote.The Lewis and Clark exposition at
Portland is to be opened with a ode.
It is closed without an ode; it will
be fortunate.A contemporary has a picture of
William Morris in "Who's Brown?" It
really looks more like William Morris in
"Who's black?"With Italy and Russia leading in
sending us immigrants the Anglo-Sax-
onizing of the United States is receiv-
ing a slight check.Those who are sending up the cry
that the public schools are being "Mor-
monized," would themselves, if they
could, anti-"Mormonize" them.Miss Nancy Letter has wedded Major
Colin Campbell. Was the wedding
march Mendelssohn's or simply "The
Campbells are coming?"This surfeit of gossip and other stuff
about Mrs. Charles Chickwick makes one
fact stand out in bold relief—that she
did not lead the simple life."Uncle Joe" Cannon says economy
will be the watchword during the next
session of Congress. A very good one,
if honored in the keeping and not in
the breach.R. S. Mossmeyer of Hiawatha, Kansas,
shucked two hundred and five bushels
of corn in ten hours the other day. He
is either some shucks or else he Mess-
merized the corn.It is said that Representative Hemen-
way will succeed Senator Fairbanks
in the Senate. If he succeeds as well as
Senator Fairbanks he will yet be Vice
President and possibly President.A professional tattooist has come over
from London to tattoo a lot of New
York society people. "Write me down an
oax," should be the legend he should
tattoo upon their arms and chests.Captain Hall of the Boston police
says he saw no one clubbed in the
scrimmage between the police and the
Tech. students. He that as it may,
the police made the boys see stars with
clubs or something else.The teaching force of the public
schools of this city consists of two
hundred and ninety Gentiles and sev-
enty-four "Mormons." That looks as
though the schools were run in the in-
terest of the "Mormons," doesn't it?The Astor, it is said, refuse to give
any aid to the Lewis and Clark expo-
sition. This is rather strange, as the
name Astor is linked forever with the
exploration and settlement of our
northwest coast. So long as America
has a literature Astoria will be one of
the most charming books in it.During the last fiscal year immigra-
tion to the United States decreased
considerably. Italy furnished the largest
number, Russia is coming next, then
England and then Ireland. All are wel-
come, and if they but adopt American
civil ideals and American standards of
living, the United States will be the
richer in every respect for their com-
ing.

SOME EDITORIAL THOUGHTS.

Baltimore Sun.

If divorcees keep on increasing in
number they will become as common as
to be positively unfashionable.

New York Herald.

A Brooklyn scientist says let the hair
on the top of your head grow and you
will cure consumption. That's cold
comfort for our bald-headed brethren.

Buffalo Courier.

The Panama canal must be built and
orderly conduct on the part of the
native population cannot be permitted
to interfere with the prompt prosecu-
tion of the work.

Pittsburg Gazette.

Sentiment is more cheerful in indus-
trial and commercial circles today than
it has been for more than a year. Busi-
ness has not only turned the corner, but
it is now moving forward in a broad
way that appears clear and safe.

New York Mail.

There has been far too much of the
elegant gentleman idea in the big east-ern universities. Professor Elliot has
just publicly taken note of its some-
what blighting influence at Harvard. A
good many young men go there for a
course in worn and get it—though in-
cidentally they may get better things.
The same may be said of Yale and
Princeton, and though at each and all
of these institutions the modest work-
aday youth may get as good a training
as his father could have got, the influ-
ence of the glided loafer is bad. The
western universities are spurring the
eastern institutions up with a magnifi-
cent competition.

Saturday Evening Post.

We hear much about the money cost
of wars, past and present. And that
is indeed a consideration, a most con-
siderable and impressive measure of the
penalties for indigence in the blood
madness. But it is by no means the
largest item in the bill; it is a distant
second to another item.That item is character cost. To re-
move the average man from the ordi-
nary and restrained routine of peaceful
occupation and home influence is to re-
lease the ancient beast. Poets do not
tell the story, historians hide it, orators
lie about it, and even the novelists join
in the miserable deception. But the
character cost of war is frightful. And
the poison spreads from him who was
permeated by it in the camps and fields
of "glory" to his associates, to his chil-
dren and children's children. "The
wages of sin is death"—in part. But
sometimes it seems that the larger
part of those wages is tainted and
shrivelled and perverted life. And of
that part is the chief penalty for viola-
tion of the unqualified mandate: "Thou
shalt not kill!"

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Christmas number of the Wo-
man's Home Companion has many in-
teresting features. In "The Greatest
Christmas Charity in the World" Booth-
Trucker tells about the Salvation Army
Christmas dinner; a unique feature is
a picture-story, by Wallace Nutting,
"Going Home for Christmas." "Where
the Christmas Toys Come From" is an
article on the toy-shops in Germany;
David Bolanco tells amateur dramatic
clubs how to give Christmas entertain-
ments. Special attention is given to
"Home Made Christmas Gifts," "Chris-
mas Entertainments," and up-to-date
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Bell, Temple Bailey and Frederick
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