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STRIKING FACTS AND FIGURES.

There has been much serious and also focular comment on the report that a noted anti-vaccinationist physician in the East has contracted smallpox through visiting a hospital for persons nifficied with that disease and purpose ly exposing himself to contagion. The advocates of compulsory vaccination are convulsed with give over the doc tor's alleged condition. Many of them hope he will die or be disfigured for Mife, and express the sweet and "Christlan" wish that all anti-compulsionists may meet with a similar fate.

On the other side of this question is a statement in "Medical Talk," pub-Mished at Columbus, Ohio, that Dr. Frank P. Hagerty of Vienna, Warren Co., N. J., a physician, is suffering with lockjaw. A few days ago he vaccinated himself and tetanus developed in a short time. The reading public know very well that a number of cases of lockjaw followed vaccination in New Jersey and other places. Of course explanations are given by the advocates of compulsory vaccination, but unfortunately they do not satisfactorily explain, and the impression remains that the lockjaw was a result of vaccina-

The same paper, under the head of "Which is Which?" has the following

"Smallpox was almost a scourge when the American troops first entered the Philippines. It has almost disappear-ed now. Of course, the vaccination ad-herents claim that it was vaccination. and not sanitary precautions that did the work. Of course, it was. Had it not been for vaccination, smallpox would still continue to be a scourge. 'Yellow fever was almost a scourge when the American troops first entered It has practically disappeared

now. Of course, the vaccination adherents do not claim that vaccination had anything to do with stamping out yellow fever. Of course, they don't. They give all the credit to sanitary precau-tions. Had it not been for sanitary precautions, yellow fever would still be scourge in Cuba.

"It is enough to give any man men-tal strabismus to read the two foregoing paragraphs at one sitting. And yet these are the statements to be found in many of the medical journals. It takes vaccination and sanitation to stamp out smallpox, while sanitation alone is sufficient to stamp out yellow fever. If some one had the hardihood to try vaccination and sanitation in yellow fever, and treat smallpox by ganitation alone, the result would be exactly the same."

We quote the foregoing for what it is worth. People on either side of this question wil form their own concluidons. It has recently been argued that because of the repeal or modification England, smallpox has become virulent in London and many deaths have been the result. That "one story is good till another is told," is exemplified in these premature announcements. The Registrar General of England, in a recent report of health conditions in London up to January 25, 1902, gives a total of 390 fatal cases of smallpox, of which he says there were:

Vaccinated No statement

Total The number of cases remaining in the hospitals at that time were: Of smallpox 870; scarlet fever 2,658, diphtheria 1,238; Will any of the compulsionists blaim that the scarlet fever and diphtheria cases were also due to non-vacfination? These figures are official, and it remains for the pro-vaccination advocates to explain the cause of the death from smallpox of 195 vaccinated persons out of a total of 390.

Let it be understood that the Deseret News, in presenting these facts and figures, does not take any ground except against the compulsion which some people still seem to think the proper thing. We would not prevent anyone from being vaccinated who believes in its virtues. We would not have any body forced to be vaccinated who does not wish to submit. Sanitation and fsolation should be observed in all cases of contagious disorders, for it is certain that vaccination alone does not give that protection that protects.

IGNORANCE, OR HASTE?

Our attention has been directed by a prominent educator in this State, to a work called "Edwin Emerson's History of the Nineteenth Century," which is being vigorously pushed in Utah by the P. F. Collier Publishing company, of New York, and obtaining many subscribers, yet it contains some serious marks of ignorance or wilful untruth. For instance on page 766 it is stated:

"A book of singular fruition was Jo-seph Smith's Book of Mormon, a corcupted version of Spaulding's "The Manuscript Found."

A writer of history who does not know better than to copy so notorious an error as that, cannot be looked upon as a reliable authority on any public on. That old attempt to account

has been so thoroughly exposed, that to writer who aims to be authentic would repeat It or give to it any countenance. Under the year 1838 the folwing is given:

"The members of the new Sect of Mormon were driven from their homes in Nauvoo in western Missouri * * * and settled near the Great Salt Lake of

That a member of the American Hisorical society can be so ignorant as to place Nauvoo in Missouri, and call the 'hurch of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints the Sect of Mormon, is really surprising. It is evident from the two citations we have made, that the genleman is totally ignorant of "Mormon" distory and "Mormon affairs," to say nothing of American geography. He may regard them as unimportant and not worthy of very close investigation. But if they are of sufficient importance

o be mentioned in a history of the Nineteenth Century, they are certainly worthy of sufficient inquiry to be truthfully presented. If the rest of the volume is no more reliable than these scraps of alleged 'Mormon" history, it is not worth reading, and the paper and binding are

so much waste material. We thank our correspondent for calling attention to these flagrant blunders, and hope that the public will not be very widely deceived by them. It is perhaps useless to expect that they will be corrected by the writer or the publisher.

WHO WROTE THE NOTE?

An entirely new theory about the Pauncefore memorandum of the 14th of April, 1898, and about which there has been so much controversy, is advanced by a contributor to the San Francisco Chronicle. It is to the effect that that document was inspired by President McKinley, and not by any enemy of the United States.

That writer takes the view that President McKinley believed that war could be averted by bringing Spain to realize the necessity of granting the Cubans independence. His course after the sinking of the Maine is taken to prove this. He left no means untried to avert precipitate action. "Is it not possible," he asks, "that those who were close to the President may have availed themselves of the good offices of Lord Pauncefote, and sought to arrest the attention of those who were clamoring for an advance on Havana, by pointing out that the civilized world would regard with disapproval a war, waged against a nation which practically offered to do everything the United States demanded in order to avert a conflict?" And then he argues:

"It is not a question whether such representation would have had the effect of arresting hostilities. After the event it seems plain that the American Spain that nothing could have dissuaded them from their purpose. But up to the 14th of April, 1898, it is quite clear that there were still many who lieved that the people of the United States would abandon the desire to make war, if they could be persuaded that the civilized world was not on their tertained this belief, otherwise he would ot have taken the which we now know he did take, and it is not difficult to believe that he did so at the instance of President Mc-Kinley.

But this is not, it seems, the only evidence for this startling proposition. The Washington Post, on the 18th of this month put the following question to Judge Day, who was acting as secretary of state at the time:

"The statement is made here that the Pauncefote note of April 14, 1898, was drawn by you in State Department.

To this question the judge merely

"Impossible to reply to indefinite statement of your telegram."

It is argued that if the statement had had no foundation, Judge Day would have violated no rules of diplomacy, by saying that he had nothof the compulsory vaccination law in ling whatever to do with the formulation of the document in controversy.

It is difficult to accept the hypothesis that the note which appears to censure the American policy in the controversy with Spain, was written at the instigation of the President of the country. It is known, however, that the note was written and signed by the British ambassador. The British government has disclaimed all responsibillity for it. Lord Pauncefote, it is claimed, acted on his own initiative on the solicitation of Spain through the Austrian minister. But Spain, strongly disclaimed all knowledge of the incident, until the particulars were print ed a short time ago. This renders the affair so mysterious, that it is not to be wondered at, if various theories are

FUTURE OF ALASKA.

formulated and find adherents.

The development of Alaska during the last ten years has proceeded at a rate that no one could foresee when that vast country was first transferred to the United States. But that progress has merely begun. Gold mining started the immigration, and now it is found that there are many resources which may become as important as

gold mining. According to the annual report of Governor Brady, the great river valleys embrace cultivable areas large enough for good-sized states. There is a tract southwest of Yakalat, lying be tween the sea and the mountains, which is sixty miles long and from fifteen miles to thirty miles wide, which today is covered with redtop that stands as high as a man's shoulder. He says mer have come there for the purpose of mining, but they have found the conditions so favorable for farming that they have engaged in this pursuit with

highly satisfactory results. As for the climate, it is claimed that it is better than on the great plains of Wyoming, Montana and some parts o Nevada. In all parts of Alaska there are more hospitable winters. They have no severe storms in the interior. And in the dead of winter horses can be worked without any danger of being frozen. People who go there think they will experience a great change in cli-

mate, but this is a mistake. Commenting on these statements, th Indianapolis Journal says that railway projects will in due time accomplish for for the origin of the Book of Mormon | Alaska, what they have for other parts | to pay for the silence of Ben Tillman

of the Union. The plan suggested is to onnect with the trans-Siberian road, and the Journal thinks that the promoters of that scheme have a right to expect for it the same consideration that other projects of a national scope recceive by Congresa

GROWING LESS THIRSTY.

It should be gratifying to the champions of the temperance cause to learn that their efforts have resulted in less intexication than formerly among all classes of seciety, and a perceptible diminution in the consumption of wine. A writer in the New York Sun claims that proprietors of vineyards in France and Switzerland say that the demand for wine has fallen off in recent years to such an extent that their income has been seriously affected. The sales referred to are of wine of the ordinary qualities, such as people in Europe have been accustomed to drink at their meals and at other times, much as Americans drink water. But the finer grades of wine also find a more limited market than formerly. At formal dinner parties wine is no longer as fashionable as it used to be, and fewer varleties are in demand. There has been a gradual change of opinion in society on this subject, and excessive drinking s generally regarded as a violation of the rules of good breeding.

Hitherto the claim has been made that temperance agitation has had in visible effect on the consumption of alcoholic beverages, but if the statement made in the Sun is correct, that conention cannot be sustained. The fact should be encouraging. Of course much f this stuff that finds its way to the pubic is not wine at all, but injurious mix tures of a non-descript nature. That may have something to do with it. If it is true that 90 per cent of the intoxiants offered for sale are adulterations. t is no wonder that the public grad ually become temperate and then toal abstainers.

MARRYING FOR RICHES.

Rev. Minot J. Savage, of New York peaking about divorce, claimed there yould not be so many separations, if there were not so many hasty and illconsidered marriages. He particulary condemned mercenary unions. He

"There are people who marry for noney, both men and women. As this country gets older and large fortunes are established, the temptation to this sort of thing here becomes more and more. But I do not believe that marriages of this sort can be too forcibly branded for what they really are."

It will readily be admitted, that the best way of counteracting the evil of divorce is to make marriages happy That is the point in the problem, But how can that be done? The reverend gentleman suggests:

"Everybody ought to marry. But a man ought not to marry until he can see his way clear to making himself an independent home. But do not let this be made an excuse, as it is on the part of thousands today, for postponing marriage until you get rich."

THE CHURCH STANDARDS.

In your excellent editorial in the 'News' of a few days ago, you make nention of the Pearl of Great Price as one of the standard books of the Church: Not disputing your statemen I just want to ask you to state through the "News" when and how it became one of the standard books of doctrine. etc. Please answer, at your earliest convenience, for the information of the convenience, for the interest undersigned and others.

In the General Assembly, the Presihood being grouped in the different quorums and voting in that order, at the General Conference of the Church October 6, 1880, after John Taylor had been recognized and sustained as President of the Church, with George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith as Counselors in the First Presidency, the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price were accepted and acknowledged as the written stand ards of the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter-day Saints by unanimous vote This fact should be generally known. because it is understood by the authorities of the Church and well-informed members, that other works bearing the names of the writers or speakers, are held as their personal views, for which they alone are responsible to the world This distinction will save much dispute and contention if clearly perceived and recognized by all parties concerned.

People who live under senates shouldn't throw stones at people who live ander reichsraths.

Miss Stone has been released for keeps. Heretofore she has been kept

Mr. Dooley says that Prince Henry is having the time of his life. And he is just at the time of life to have it.

It is eminently fitting that couples who run away to Farmington to get married should take the dummy line.

It begins to look as though people would have to depend on March coming in as a lion for their full supply of

New York suffers from excess of snow. Utah suffers from lack of it. Things are none too evenly divided in this world.

The Senate was just sixty minutes ratifying the Danish West Indies treaty. This shows the senators to be men of the hour

It was not a royal welcome that was given Prince Henry on his arrival in New York. It was a simple republican welcome to a royal personage

Your Uncle Samuel Is now perfectly satisfied as to the correctness of Russia's Intentions in Manchuria. Yet they are the same old Intentions. It is fortunate for McLaurin that

Tillman did not have his pitchfork with him or he would surely have run tt through him in that joust on Saturday. It is said in Washington that Presi-

dent Roosevelt is developing into a great story teller. It wasn't that that made Washington's reputation.

A fisticust encounter in the United States senate is a pretty high price

Into what insignificance Representative Wheeler's "European flunkeyism" outburst sinks compared with the pugil-

latic exhibition of Senators Tillman and McLaurin! The Beautiful Opera of The Tillman-McLaurin conflict was referred by the senate to the committee on privileges and elections. The proper

mittee on military affairs. The Detroit Napoleon of finance Cashier Andrews, says no man should work after he is forty, certainly not, Just live on the earnings of others by means of embezzzlement or any other

reference would have been to the com

London papers make very satirical omments on the enthusiastic reception accorded Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia. These not very friendly comments are undoubtedly prompted by the ill feeling that exists between Engand and Germany. For both this country has nothing but the best of wishes. And former subjects of each are among the best citizens of the Republic.

ON BEHALF OF CUBA.

New York Mall and Express, The deniand that Cuba should have relief is quite independent of economic considerations. It is a moral and broadly sentimental question first of II. Nevertheless, the material factors in the problem are all entitled to full statement, and there will undoubtedly be general interest in the presentation of the Western farmers' side of th

Hartford Times.

Every day of delay in granting the concessions on Cuban sugar npending bankruptcy of the planters f the Island. They have no money with which to pay their laborers the amounts due on February 15, and un-iess the needed aid is extended at once, the prostration of the industries of the island will occur before March 1.

Kansas City Star. The Matanzas board of merchants, in a circular sent to the press and publi men of this country, speaks for Cuba and especially for a city and community remembered in the west as beneficiaries of its generosity in the days of the frightful concentrations. This circular which is signed by the efficers and members of the board, makes a very strong presentation o the case, declaring that the very life of the people depends on finding an American market for their crops.

St. Louis Republic.

There is no immediate necessity for the United States government to vite" Cuba to consent to annexation The greater necessity is that of helping the Cubans to a firm establishment of their independent republic, and of dealing fairly with them in the matter of

Boston Transcript.

Mr. H. S. Frye writes from Washing-ton to the Springfield Republican. "We can make no concessions to Cuba that Cuba in turn is not able and willing to Cuba in turn is not able and willing to more than repay. I am tired of this charity taik about Cuba, as if all the concessions were to Cuba, and by us alone, when the probability is that in the near future the actual benefit in dollars and cents would soon show a large balance in our favor, for no agricultural country such as Cuba is and facturing country like our own would

Rochester Union and Advertiser. The Cuban situation is becoming crit While the lawmakers at Washington are discussing Cuban reciprocity things are going from bad to worse in Cuba. The Cubans have been practically promised reciprocity, it has been demonstrated clearly that it will benefit the people of this country as well as the Cubans, and yet it is antagonized by a small coterie of extreme protec-tionists, in the interest of the beet ugar men, who cannot see that refusa give the Cubans a reasonable duction of duties on sugar and tobacco imported from their island, will result in the annexation of Cuba to this coun-try and the establishment of free trade between the island and the mainland.

Havana Sun. There is American military intervention in Cuba. Strangely enough, that very fact has been an impediment to the extension and growth of the tele phone and telegraph in Cuba. Th famous Foraker law prohibiting granting of concessions, has been createst sort of an impediment to development of this especially American invention. The telephone for the present can not run from city to cit It can only be run inside of the limi certain towns and cities. Militar ephones can be run anywhere, be use the army can do anything, even ed. The military telephones do not sup-ply a long-felt want. The general pub-lic wants unother style and class of

New York Evening Sun. The Merchants' association of New York never took up a more worthy cause than when it appealed to 150,000 business men throughout the country to bring their influence to bear upon epresentatives in Congress, with a few to accomplishing the speedy relief The circular says: "The now before Congress is that each nation shall reduce its tariff n order that trade may be established etween them, and that the moral duty f the United States to relieve the peoof Cuba from the buffering entailed ipon them by the act of the United tates may be amply performed, with hereased prosperity to both nations as The path of plain duty in this case happens to be the easy one of self-interest as well.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The opening article in The Universal Brotherhood Path for February is "A Religion of Joy." The author says: is as natural to true manhood as world in its present state and the suf-ferings that man himself has brought about, denies the joy until it leaves the heart and an ache remains, and only a heart and an ache remains, and only a few remember that it should be ours." Other articles are: "Economy of Force," by Philon: "Richard Wagner as a Seer," by M. G. M., a short story, "Led by a Little Child." "The Gospel of Innate Ideas." by Felix: "Ancient and Modern Music," by a Student; and for the children a charming fairy tale, "Adalina's Pearl," translated from the Swedish. Theosophical Pub. Co., Point Loma, Cal.

There are a great number of interest ing, illustrated articles in The Four-Track News for February, and among these we notice one on "The Desert City," and "The Sea a Mile Above the City." and "The Sea a Mile Above the Sea Level." referring, of course, to the capital of Utah and the Great Salt Lake. This paper is by Nelson Ford, Other contributors deal with "The Indians and Their Baskets." "The Marvel of the Mid-Continent." "Grand Canyons of Arizona." "Along the Railyons of Arizona. Along the Raij-roads," and numerous other topics. The Four-Track News is a monthly maga-zine of travel and education, published by the passenger department of the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, New York.

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