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CITY AND COUNTY SCHOOLS.

The following inquiry has been received:

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Aug. 20, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

Will you kindly give, through your columns, your interpretation of section 8, article IV, of the Constitution of Utah? Are we to understand that the schools in cities of the first and second class are to be "maintained and controlled separate and apart" from the schools of the counties, and that county school funds must be provided by separate taxation; thereby creating situations, containing five or several class cities, of the support they have hitherto received from first and second class cities?

D. W. SHEPARD.

The section in question reads:

SEC. 8. In cities of the first and second class, the public school system shall be maintained and controlled by the board of education of such cities, separate and apart from the counties in which such cities are located.

As we read the section, the cities named must maintain their school system apart from the counties; but it does not follow that counties must maintain their system apart from the cities, so far as taxation is concerned. The Constitution is silent on that subject, the framers evidently intending to leave that to the State Legislature. Our correspondent is in error in supposing that separate maintenance of city schools means to county districts the deprivation of "the support they have hitherto received from first and second class cities." The county districts do not now receive support from those cities as school districts, but by a county school tax assessed on all property in the county, both within and without the cities. The city school systems referred to are, under the present statutes, "maintained and controlled separate and apart" from the schools of the counties; so that there is in the Constitution no suggestion of a change of method, but rather a confirmation of the existing plan. The county school funds are now provided by separate taxation, that is, a levy separate and apart from that made for the city schools; although the county levy extends over the cities, thereby taxing city property to maintain the county schools and also the city school system. While the county is taxed for both.

The Constitution does not provide a system of county school taxation, leaving that to the Legislature. It deals with a State school fund, and to the section quoted examples county districts from being taxed for city school purposes. Under this arrangement there is no cause for complaint on the part of the county districts, which receive a decided preference in this respect over cities of the first and second classes.

BISMARCK NOT FORGOTTEN.

German residents in the United States have taken steps to extend to Bismarck with congratulations during the celebrations in Germany of the last war with France. On Sedan day thousands of postal cards were sent to Friedrichsruhe. These cards are now being distributed. They contain his picture and some fifty words expressing appreciation of "his incomparable services to the country, which only some of them." A card bearing the congratulatory message intended for the same will adorn the grave.

Bismarck himself has refused to participate in the manifestations of patriotism by which young Germany now is being electrified. He remains at his castle in seclusion while the Patriotbund re-vendetta with jubilant visitors who not but for him would never have been heard.

The activity of Bismarck is in that long and shortly after his war with France was wholly successful. All irritable and other places he has quietly expressed himself in constantly irritable, in his sequitous to follow the events on the battlefields. In fact, he was in conjunction in the important engagements with the exception of the incident of the armies. He saved Napoleon and Italy and France was humiliated, he has spoke all the prominent statesmen of his age. Without him Germany's victories would have been incomplete. Nominally he stretched not only with the noble diplomats of France but also with those of England and Russia, the wrong from them the enormous cost of five milliards of francs as well as two important provinces.

Yet, after most twenty-five years, Bismarck is placed in the shadow in his own country. "The chancellor of king!" It is not right that Germans in their country should remember him at this time, and to some extent at least give evidence of the fact that the sentiment of his empire is not entirely the people.

ASSIMILATE NOT.

We are asked to state whether or not a woman, native born, born her American citizenship upon marrying a non-resident alien. The reply is, decidedly not. A person upon citizens of the United States consists such action has no express recognition of abandonment to this country. The supposition that a native born woman, by marriage with an alien resident, loses any of the privileges of citizenship conferred upon her by birth, is so absurd as would be a claim that a native born man lost those privileges because his wife was alien born. Even if a woman were to marry a naturalized alien and were to reside abroad, she would not thereby lose any rights of citizenship previously acquired. The further inquiry is made as to the qualification of a registrar of elections officer who refuses a greater to the privileges of an alien to a woman in a state where she is a qualified voter, singling as his excuse Chapman's marriage to an alien. There is no justification for such officer, who becomes a violator of the law in interfering with the rights of an voter. For instance, if the law which prevails in Utah in regard to this offense were in force under circumstances where a woman is entitled to register and vote, and if a registrar or judge of election were to prevent her exercising such privilege in accordance with the statute, then such judge or registrar would be liable to prosecution and a suit for damages. Where equal suffrage prevails, no election officer has no more right to discriminate between sexes than between persons of different ages who are over the required age of voting.

SUN-DIALS.

In answer to the following question by a correspondent, is a sun-dial a true indicator of the time, say for the hour of 12 o'clock noon for all the year? the following is submitted:

Owing to an apparent irregularity in the so-called diurnal motion of the sun, time as measured by the sun-dial does not move in strict uniformity with time as indicated by a clock. Still, if the dial is constructed with perfect precision, it always indicates the true "apparent time," even when this does not correspond with the "mean time," which is given by the clock. Four times a year the clock and the sun-dial agree exactly, April 15, June 15, September 1 and December 24. On all other days the latter will be either a little slower or somewhat faster, the greatest difference being about 15 minutes for a few days in November.

MODERN CRUCIFIXES.

The New York World, after careful investigation, asserts that the six richest men at present are the following:

Li Hung Chang	[illegible]
John D. Rockefeller	[illegible]
Cornelius Vanderbilt	[illegible]
Jay Gould (estimated)	[illegible]
Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr.	[illegible]
William K. Vanderbilt	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]

Li Hung Chang, the famous Chinese viceroy, first accumulated his wealth chiefly by means of his official position, and his success accounts for the hatred he has incurred among his countrymen. His wealth now increases, it is said, at the rate of $50,000 a day.

Colonel North is an Englishman. At the age of fourteen he could neither read nor write. When twenty-three years old, he arrived in Chile. At this time the nitrate fields in Peru attracted attention. He succeeded in raising capital, invested it, made money and secured control of the nitrate beds. Having the war between Chile and Peru he made more money. He acquired of railways, water and gas works, and after having made millions left the business in the hands of others and returned to England.

The Duke of Westminster inherited most of his fortune. He owns many square miles in London. A year ago he made the congratulatory speech intended for the same and affiliates of the event.

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