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#### DEBATE AND CONTENTION.

In a letter from Denver, Colorado, a reader of the Deseret News calls attention to an account given in this paper of a "mock convention," held by students of the University of Utah, in which it is stated that the two political parties were represented "typical of their great national prototypes. So far as noise, confusion, wire-pulling and party spirit are concerned, many of the students are now full-fledged politiclans."

The writer takes exception to these proceedings and arrives at the conclusion that "the aim of the two parties was victory," and that if such contention is indulged in, "then have we indeed lost sight of the grand object of education." He quotes the renowned scholar Webster as follows:

"Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term of education. The feelings are to be dis-ciplined, the passions are to be retrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circum-stances. All this is comprised in edu-

Then follows a homily from our correspondent on the ideals which should be held up before our youth, so that there may be instilled into them something "higher, nobler and grander than the petty, yet soul-destroying methods practiced in political campaigns."

All that is very well, if the hypothesis on which our friend starts out is correct. We did not gather from the particulars of the "mock convention" the idea that the noise, confusion and methods resorted to by national politicians were imitated, by way of approval or endorsement, or as a pattern or ideal for the students to follow or pursue.

displays rather than lead them to adopt or favor them. Religious controversy may be car-

ried on in a proper spirit. When desire to enlighten, to show up error, to inform and benefit, instead of to confuse, put down and silence an opponent, inspires the speakers or writers, that is not contention in its forbidden sense. Without such fair and generous presentations of theories and reasonings, there would be intellectual and spiritual stagnation, and error would never be dissipated by truth. Right will prevail and light will banish dark-

ness, because both will be active and when necessary aggressive. But they will not be contentious nor provocative of strife and confusion.

PREACHING REBELLION.

Carrie Nation is not the only lady in the land who believes in cold steel as a factor in reform movements. Miss arrie E. Busby is another. But she thinks the negro race in this country should go on the warpath and strike a blow for liberty.

This is the story told in a special dispatch to the Chicago Times-Herald, from St. Joseph, Mich. She is said to have delivered a speech, in which she expressed herself in the following man-

"Let the colored regiments that fought at Santiago to free Cuba now turn about and fight to free them-

"We believe too much in faith with-out work. Never will our fellow men in the South be wholly free from op-pression and innocent men wholly relieved from the fear of lynching until they fight."

And this colored Joan of Arc does not confine herself to the public platform. She is said to have issued an open letter, too, to her people, in which she says in part:

"One man is no better than another. If they were, all white men would be pure, honest and upright without flaw, while the black man would be all blemishes. Are they not both born of woman, and will they not die and go to hell if they are not born again? The negro helped to rescue Cuba from bondage. Next will be to help rescue his fellow men from oppression. May the day come when all men will be free and equal without regard to color."

It is claimed that such appeals are causing great stir among the colored population. Miss Busby seems to be a bright woman, widely known, and she is contemplating a lecturing tour for the purpose of agitating an upris-

ing. Rumor has it that funds are already being gathered, to be forwarded to the Southern States.

The idea is denounced as preposterous by colored preachers, and in all probability, it is much exaggerated, but that kind of incendiary talk is certainly dangerous. Even if it does not ripen into a revolution, it may lead to individual riots and the destruction of life and property. But we are living in a time in which violence seems more natural than reason. Even to the gentler instincts of women, the hatchet and the revolver have a peculiar

charm. Whither are we drifting? Are

vain of being capable of taking care of guists. No less than 304 commissioned herself. She has a peace army of 615,000 officers of the regular army speak Spanmen, and in case of a war this could be raised to about three million that would take the field. No invading army outnumbering this, could be sent against France. An attack now, even by Germany, might end vastly different to is spoken by 224 officers, German by 136, that of the war of 1870. The soldiers are better drilled than ever before. 13, Italian by 8, Swedish and Norwe-Their discipline and endurance are gian by 4, Tagalog by 5, and some of said to have stood all tests satisfactorily. They are confidently said to be Russian, Eskimo, Dutch, Hungarian, ready, "to the last button," for a brush with any of the armies of Europe. During the maneuvers last fall an in-

teresting experiment in transportation was made, by steam engines on common roads. The results were considered satisfactory. The Scotte locomotive can run over fairly good country roads -one locomotive drawing from 30 to 40

wagons. Twenty-five Scotte locomotives can provide an army of 60,000 men 60 miles away with ammunition in 18 hours. They can haul 50 cannon, each weighing 24 tons, ten miles in a single night. One locomotive does the work of 32 horses in hauling. The tests showed that in 12 hours food and fodder sufficient for an army of 720,000 men could be conveyed 50 miles.

The French army, is said to be up to date in every respect. Its artillery service is considered the best of all European armies and is constantly being improved. France has recently adopted a new fieldpiece which is said to be without an equal.

No wonder that France feels proud of her army, and that her representative men confidently tell the world that their country is perfectly capable of taking care of herself if called upon to do so on the fields of battle.

The Nebraska legislative dead lock might be broken into by one of those famous Topeka hatchets.

It is said that a new era has opened in the Philippines. If this be so, may it be one of good feeling.

Dewet is closely pursued, no doubt, but thus far none of the pursuers have got within the distance flag.

Mrs. Nation refuses to give a bond to keep the peace and will conduct her own case. She will probably make her defense with her famous hatchet,

If Joan of Kansas doesn't conduct her case any better than she conducts herself, she will gather no legal laur-

If raising the fare to Farmington would not check the flood of elopements it might at least increase the revenues of the railroads.

Topeka dispatches say that Mrs. Na. tion spent a quiet day yesterday in jail. It is the only place where she does spend one.

The Omaha police are wearing broad smiles these days but find it very difflcult to repress the exultant exclama-

"No decline in poetry," says Prof.

ish fluently, and about as many more report that they possess a limited knowledge of Spanish, This makes atotal of some 600 officers who are more or less conversant with Spanish. French the language of American Indians by our officers speak Chinese, Japanese, Portuguese and Polish. This is a very fair showing, and is a sufficient reply to the suggestion that our officers are insufficiently informed as to the language of the countries in which they are serving.

# THE SPANISH CRISIS.

Boston Transcript. If by the death of the king the newly married princess should become queen and attempt a reactionary policy in sympathy with the old Carlist party, she would probably not be tolerated by the people, and a real revolution would result. The minority that would support her would be so small as to offer resistance to her overthrow. However, the republican party, which is the other extreme, is almost as unpopular as the Carlists, Probably a limited monarchy, controlled by a liberal party, would be more likely to give peace and contentment than any other.

Kansas City Star.

General Pavia could have made himself dictator, Instead, he called together party chiefs and with unexampled elf-effacement instrusted to them the formation of a provisional government. This action led many persons to doubt his sanity. The new republic lasted out the year and then to put an end to the uncertainties and to quiet the disturbed country, Alfonso XII, son of the deposed Isabella, was invited back. It is quite possible that Weyler might imitate Pavia in turning the deputies out. There is no reason for belief that after he had done this he would lay himself

open by his self-abnegation to the sus-picion of insanity as his predecessor

#### Boston Herald.

Spanish generals in the past, holding supreme command at moments of great peril, have more than once ational been carried away by their personal ambitions and have used their authority to advance themselves at the ex-pense of their legitimate ruler. If General Weyler is loyal, nothing of this kind will happen, and the uprising in Spain, though it may bring about a ministerial change, will quickly disap-pear. If on the other hand, General Weyler believes that the time has come to play his hand, he may, through his actions, bring the present dynasty to a close, It seems to us, however, that such a suggestion is unworthy of him, and that he can be depended upon to loyally support the constituted authori-

### New York Mail and Express.

For the confidence which his nation has in him, there appears as a foundation only a reputation for sternness which led Campos to exclaim, "If Wey-ler comes to Cuba, even the dead will rise from their graves to fight him;" only his own boastful declaration that had he been retained in Cuba he "would have flung the Americans into the sea," and only the negative credit THE NEWEST AND This is what every neat housekeeper wants, and what every

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On the contrary, we understood that they were burlesqued, if anything, and viewed more in derision than in approbation. They were copied for the purpose of showing the schemes and spirit of such scenes of tumult, not for admiration but for information and resistance.

It was a bit of recreation for the students in which they combined fun with instruction, and learned something of the tricks of professional pollticians so that they might know how to cope with them if necessary. It is not to be imagined that the University includes in its political lessons, training in the disreputable methods of party strife. This humorous "convention" had for its purpose a different object entirely. It depends upon the aim and spirit of any proceeding whether it is harmful or beneficial.

The Deseret News does not endorse contention for any purpose. Neither does it apologize for noise, confusion, wire-pulling, or any underhanded method to achieve political or other success. All such things are contrary to the spirit of the system called "Mormonism." "God is not the author of confusion." Neither does He move in crooked paths. His course is open, frank and straightforward, and the right and truth are in all His ways.

Debate, discussion for the purpose of making plain the truth on any proposition, is different from contention. As wisdom is not cunning, nor cunning wisdom, so fair discussion is not contention. When people view a matter in different ways, they may compare opinions, showing different sides of a question with a view to enlightening and benefiting each other, and that without contention in act or spirit. "Bring forth your strong reasons," is a divine demand. When anyone is not willing to listen to a reason, or an argument, or a plain statement of something on which he takes a given view, he shows a disposition to be arbitrary, opinionated or dogmatic, unless it be as to something which he absolutely knows and does not need enlightenment, or has not the time to discuss. Contention implies a spirit of contradiction and strife. It signifies a desire for the mastery whether right or wrong. It is manifested in a kind of verbal pugilism, in which the intent is to conquer and silence an adversary; to "knock him out" in argument, rather than to make clear the truth. It is wrong. It is said in holy writ to be "of the devil." Yet the word contention is used sometimes in the place of defence and of true valor. "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints," said the ancient Apostle. He did not employ the term in its evil

Political contention is productive of unpleasant and sometimes worse resuits. Party exigencies often require the concealment of facts and principles. and the upholding of measures and statements that the clear light of truth and reason would show to be wrong. Therein is danger to the party champion and to the public welfare. Trickery, cunning, bribery, undue pressure, and other means resorted to in order to carry a point, are not worthy the imitation of our people, old or young. To know of them should be to avoid them. And the noise and tumult and brow-beating of some political assemblies, if ever shown up to pupils, should serve to disgust them with such

men and women losing faith in courts and laws? Is the election of lawmakers and officers about to be regarded as a meaningless farce? On no other supposition can the fact be explained, that so many are turning away discouraged from the paths of philanthropy and patriotism, and invoking brutal force as a remedy against social and political ills.

Let us remember that once before in the history of mankind, it is written that violence filled the earth. Then the cataclysm came, without which the human race in all probability would have

ripened for total destruction. It is also written that the end of the present dispensation will come under circumstances similar to those in the days of Noah. If this is true, nothing else can be expected than the gradual increase of violence, injustice and unrighteousness, until Divine justice can be silent no longer, but interfere as in the days of old. Who can correctly interpret the many signs of the time?

A COLORED PATRIOT.

No man in all the country is doing so much for the advancement of the colored race as Booker T. Washington. He is not only an honor to it but he is also an honor to his country. He bases his faith in his race upon the power of education, and his faith is being justified by the results he is achieving. And the South is beginning to appreciate his labors. He was in Richmond, Va., the other day in attendance upon the Negro Business Men's league. An invitation was extended to the city council and the state legislature to attend one of the league's meetings in the Academy of Music, and both bodies voted unanimously to attend. Mr. Washington was the speaker of the evening. The correspondent of the New York Evening Post says that 'the special significance of this meeting • this time lies in the fact that an effort has been made to have this legislature pass a measure, which shall cripple the negro schools by giving these schools only the portion of the tax which the negroes themselves pay. Mr. Washington pleaded very strongly against this plan." At the close of the address many of the white men in the audience went up on the stand to shake hands with him. That was a great triumph for him and speaks louder than words for the progress he is making in removing prejudice.

## FRANCE READY TO FIGHT.

A somewhat curious story is circulated to the effect that the German emperor, during his recent visit to England, assured the French ambassador in London, that he would not allow France to be attacked. To which patronizing remark the ambassador is alleged to have retorted that France was capable of taking care of herself, if she should be attacked.

The story sounds curious, but it is by no means entirely improbable. Emperor William may have let fall some such words, anxious as he is to assure all the world that his is a policy for peace, and he may not have thought of the ambiguity of the phrase he employed, as little as he, on another occasion suspected that his letter of congratulation to Paul Kruger might be construed as an insult to Great Britain.

Bliss Perry. Evidently the professor is not familiar with the practice in the editorial rooms of the daily press.

tion, "We told you so."

A Nationalist member of parliament addressing the commons in Irish is something new and rather humorous. The tongue is better adapted for Tara's halls than the house of commons.

All the powers declare they do not want war with China and have no intention of using force to coerce her. At the worst they propose nothing more than a mild and benevolent assimilation

> The authorship of "An Englishwoman's Love Letters" has been disclosed. They were written by Laurence Housman. Interest in them will now cease, for the mystery of their authorship was the chief reason of their success.

> Col. Roosevelt has finished his hunting trip and departed from Colorado. Now the mountain tions and the wolves may come forth from their hiding places and hold high carnival if they choose.

The Berlin National Zeitung and other inspired papers say that Gen. von Waldersee has no intention of embarking on a large expedition into the interior of China. It may be that the count's embark is worse than his bite.

There died in Ghent, Ky., the other day one Peggy Jones, aged 125 years. And what is still more remarkable she died in the arms of her hundred-yearold daughter. It is not stated that she knew Washington and presented him with a bouquet.

In Newfoundland the past season 7,-000 caribou were killed. Hunters have to get a license, costing from \$40 to \$80. according to the length of time they propose to remain. It is quite a source of revenue and affords protection to the game. In our own State there are comparatively few deer and elk left to protect.

Mr. Frederic Harrison, the distinguished English philosophic writer, has arrived in this country and will lecture on King Alfred. Alfred was all right and has interest for antiquarians, but if the gentleman wishes to strike a popular chord and make a great financial success he would do well to choose a live subject like King Edward VII. Let the past bury its dead and act in the living present.

The recent arrests of various persons in the Philippines charged with aiding the insurgents appears on the face to be a most important maiter. They are connected with some of the largest trading establishments in the Islands and their positions have been such as to afford them every facility for aiding the enemy if so minded. \_ That the insurrection has been receiving great ald from some source is very evident. If it has come from the inside and the authorities have begun to drop on to the guilty parties, then the beginning of the end of the insurrection has truly begun. The inside enemy, masquerading as a friend, is the one to be most feared. It is greatly to be hoped that the authorities are making no mistake.

According to the Army and Navy Journal, the officers of the American France certainly does not boast in army must be among the best of lin-

of being the only one of the Spanish generals whom fortune deprived of the chance of being crushed by collision with the Americans. Yet the fact reposition mains that a large part of his nation believes him to be the man of the hour.

The Latin race has not kept pace with the rest of the civilized world in any form of advancement. It has been a laggard. Just now it is making an exhibition of its backward tendencies in Spain, where a royal marriage had be celebrated behind closed doors to protect the participants from the anger of the populace. Madrid had to be placed under martial law. The Cu-ban butcher, General Weyler, was chosen as the best man to handle the unruly people and he executed his

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commission in a manner that aused the marriage to take place without any overt acts of violence.

## Chicago Record.

The people of Spain, like the Fillpinos. while devotedly loyal to the Catho lic church, are opposed to the methods and affiliations of some of the church functionaries of Spain. During years of misgovernment, moreover, they have been heavily taxed and as persistently robbed by the corruptionists who hold political office. The marriage now contracted comes as a last straw upon this

burden of grievances, and were a lead-er of the republican forces to rise and assert himself at this juncture the queen would have little with which to combat them. The reactionaries and conservatives hold the places, both military and civil, but they are comparatively few in number and without popular influence. The queen, moreover, has no such strong man as Canovas to guide her and hold the people in sub-jection. Until recently she had her choice between casting her fortunes with the liberal and republican element and trusting to their loyalty to main. tain the throne or uniting with the re-actionists. She has chosen the latter alternative.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

An advance notice has been sent us, stating that Elder Andrew Jenson, for many years connected with the Historian's office, has under preparation a Latter-day Saints' Biographical encyclopedia. The publisher's idea is to preserve in this work "sketches of the preserve in this work sketches of the general authorities of the Church, presi-dents of Stakes and their counselors, members of High Councils, Bishops and their counselors, presidents of Seven-ries, missionaries, Utah pioneers of 1847, members of Zion's Camp and of the Mormon Battalion, mariyrs for the Council's sake presents for conscience Gospel's sake, prisoners for conscience sake, and other historical and active men and women, both dead and allve who have taken part in public affairs among the Latter-day Saints, from the time of the organization of the Church to the close of the ninetcenth century.

Such a publication can be made very valuable as a work of reference.

According to Harper's Official Golf Guide for 1901 there were, last year, less than 900 golf courses, and this book con. tains details relating to 1.027. greatest increase has taken place The in New England States, Massachusetts jumping from 114 to 158, and New York, 164 clubs, a close second. Most with the Western States show gains, and with the appearance of one golf club in Oklahoma, and another in Wyoming, Idaho and Indian Territory remain as the only sections of the country where there is no golf organization. Other features of the Guide are championship tures of the Guide are championship statistics for the past seven years, an exhaustive summary of the events of 1900, a list of all the golf associations of the country, with the clubs beiong-ing to them, and the names of the offi-cers, and the rules of golf, with the rulings of the U. S. G. A. The book is handsomely illustrated.-Harper & Brothers, publishers, Franklin Square, New York. New York.

