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### YOUR LAST CHANCE.

There is only one day left, this year, on which citizens may register as voters in this State. Notwithstanding all the exordiums, explanations and expostulations of the press and the urgings of the politicians, there are still many persons who are likely to lose their votes through failure to register as the law requires. It seems impossible to convince some self-opinionated people that their former registration is now vold, and that in order to vote next Toesday they must register anew. Citizens who have not already registered this year have one more opportunity, and only one. Unless they register tomorrow, Wednesday, November 2, they will lose their vote. Under the Utah statutes a new registration is required every fourth year, the year of a presidential election. By this means the lists of voters who have died or removed from the State are purged of those incumbrances, thus preventing impersonations and that much illegal voting. That is one reason why citizens are required to register snew this year. Now, ladies and gentlemen, if you have not complied with the registration law this year, do not fail to go to the registrar's office in your election district and have your names placed upon the list of duty, if you value your citizenship and the power of the ballot! This is your last chance.

turing the short period of my recollec-"I know a certain Mormon in south eastern Idaho who is married to five sisters, and he and those five sisters all

ated by orders from Brigham Young

live in one house of two rooms." These are but samples of the assertions of that precious pair, one an alleged Democrat, the other a pretended Republican. The Nampa Herald says many people gained the idea that there was to be a joint debate on political issues, and curiosity brought many to grophical congress in Washington, the hall." But it remarks:

"Neither the genator nor Mr. Stalker fact, many well-informed people, were filled with amazement by such a reck-less exhibition of inveracity and won-dered how a campaign conducted along

such lines could possibly be in the in-erest of purity or morality. Nothing ) the line of argument was advanced y either speaker. The speeches were y either speaker. The speeches were imply relations of lurid tales concern-ng the Mormons, and when divested of fantastic trimmings, woven from he imaginations of the speakers, noth-ng remained except what was already vell known concerning the Mormor

onditions. Those utterances of anti-"Mormon" ampaigners in Idaho, disgusting as they are, do not reach down near to the ow level of the libelous ravings of their fellow agitators in Utah. And yet they claim that they are not assalling the 'Mormon" Church, but are the very good friends of the "Mormon" people! And they actually pretend that by such means they will gain votes from 'the people whose Church and Its leaders they thus endeavor to cover with ignominy! They must imagine that the litizens thus attacked are a set of idiots,

unfit, as they have intimated, to exerclse the elective franchise, and unable to know whether or not they are under the "dictation" by which it is assumed they are dominated. Their impudence is only excelled by their mendacity.

NOT AIR NAVIGATION.

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#### The papers have had something to say about the performances of an airship for the amusement or instruction of World's Fuir visitors. The apparatus on the first trip crossed the Mississippl' river and coursed air of Illineis for a distance of ten miles maneuvering In circles and traveling against the wind until an accident to the propellers made further direction impossible. This seems to be the usual story. The navigator succeeded in forcing a balloon against the wind for a short distance,

and then the engine "failed to work," and the balloon drifted with the wind. Santos-Dumont has done about as well as that The last trial of this balloon seems to have been more satisfactory. The air navigators, after some slight ac-

cident, succeeded in steering their ship against a light breeze, and then landed safely, cheered by a large concourse of people. But Santos-Dumont has performed a similar feat, without air navigation perceptibly. It is pretty safe to say that until

some mechanical contrivance is found, voters. Tomorrow is the last day when that can move in the air on the same boots. this can be done. Don't neglect this principle as the birds do, there will be no real air navigation. The result car not be attained by means of a gasbag under which a propeller is suspended. Some day some one will stumble onto the probably very simple laws of nature according to which even heavy birds sustain themselves in the air and propell themselves at so great speed. And then air navigation will be as easy as bleycle riding. It is strange that students of nature have not already mastered a problem which is demoncerned. strated before them every day.

pute has been taken up in the spirit of The Hague convention is the greatest triumph for the cause of peace, so far. If Russia keeps faith and makes amenda for the blunder committed, the incident can be closed without further serious consequences,

# PEARY ENTHUSIASTIC.

Commander Peary, in his address before the Eighth International Geotouched briefly upon explorations in the various parts of the world. He speciwas hedged about or restricted by any ally dwel; upon the achievements in scrupulous sense of honesty or fairness the Arctic regions by the several ex-pr any undue regard for the truth. In piorers, But he added, "there remains ally dwelt upon the achievements in plorers. But, he added, "there remains the Pole itself, and the mystery of that three million square miles about it, which stand as a challenge and a re-

proach to us." On another occasion recently Commander Peary announced that his next expedition was secured, and that the keel of his vessel had already been laid. This ship will be a marvel of naval architecture. It will embody all the points suggested by long experience. It is not large. The length of the ship over all is 181 feet, with full load displacement of about 1,500 tons. But she is massive. Every bolt and plate and rivet is firmly set, and from step to sternpost, including keel, keelsons and frames, the material used is carefully selected white oak, fastened and secured with exceptional thoroughness. The work throughout represents

the builder's acknowledgement of the power of the element or fee with which he has to contend. The bow, the stern and the water tine of the vessel will be armored to

take and repel the worst rub of the passing fee; The sides, bilges and bottom are bullt to withstand the pressure that crushed the ill-fated Jeannette. Concerning the plan of campaign the

explorer said that he would force his ship to the north shores of Grant land, taking on board at Whale Sound the pick and flower of the Esquimo tribe with whom he is so well acquainted. Then he would go into winter quarters,

and start early in the spring on the sledge journey across the central polar pack. He is sanguine that he will succeed, and his friends hope, with him, that his persistent efforts may be crowned with success.

Other bad boys besides Peck's were out last night.

The President may call peace congresses, but there is no peace.

Is it mud-slinging for candidates to hurl stones at one another ?

There are not so many gates ajar this morning as usual after Hallowe'en.

'Twas on such a night as Hallowe'en that Samson did steal away the gates of Gaza.

New York is as pleased with its subway as a boy is with a pair of red top proof of the growth of peace sentiment as against war passion. There was a time, and not far distant at that, when British gunners and not British diplomats would have been called in to obtain full reparation for such injuries as reckless Russian commanders have now perpetrated.

### Pueblo Chieftalo.

It is hardly profitable to speculate upon the extent to which Russla's willingness to settle peaceably is due to her entanglement with Japan, or how far British self control is based upon knowledge of what France and Germany might do, The fact remains that a great victory for peace has been won. The czar of Russia and the king of England have given new proof of what a monarch may do for the welfare of the peo-ple that have honored him with their leadership, and the republic of France has found real glory in the blessed role of peacemaker.

#### San Francisco Chroniele.

The French embassador in London is credited with having been a potent fac-tor in bringing about an amicable arrangement. However, that may be, Great Britain, who was one of the most reluctant to give her support to The Hague convention, has taken a long step in the interest of peace in consent-ing to submit the North sea case to arbitration, which will surely bear good fruit in future. She has set an example through it to the civilized nations to follow, namely, to submit their differ-ences to disinterested arbitrators rather than to appeal to arms for their settle-ment. Under such circumstances wars will become more difficult and less frequent.

### AS MEN APPEAR.

New Orleans Times Democrat.

New Orleans Times Democrat. "Speaking of estimating distances re-minds me of the fact that we are all dreadfully deficient when it comes to this sort of thing," sold a hero of the war with Spain, "and my attention was called to the fact afresh by an article isaned for the purpose of promoting rithe practice recently. A few very per-tinent questions were asked for fillas. nt questions were asked for illus-"Do trative purposes, such as: "Do you know that at thirty yards the white of know that at thirty yards the white of a man's eye is plainly seen and the eyes themselves up to eighty yards? That at 100 yards all parts of the body are seen distinctly, slight movements are perceptible, and the minute details of the uniform can be distinguished? the uniform can be distinguished? That at 200 yards the outlines of the face are confused and the rows of but-tons look like stripes? That at 400 yards the face is a mere dot, but all movements of the legs and arms are still distinct? That at 600 yards details can no longer be distinguished, though files of squads, if the light is strong, can be counted? That at 800 yards the men in a squad cannot be counted nor can be counted? That at 800 yards the men in a squad cannot be counted nor their individual movements distin-guished? At 1,000 yards a line of men resembles a broad belt; the direction of their march can, however, be readily determined. At 1,200 yards cavalry can be distinguished from infantry, and at 2,000 yards a mounted man usually appears as a mere speck. Yet in these days of long range weapons battles are fought at a distance of 1,000 yards.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Lee's Magazine for November opens with a poem by Z. Irene Davis, "God Is Love," "Mexico-the Land of the Mon-tezumas," by Olive Lee, is continued. This is a very interesting, illustrated paper. There are some other excellent features in this little magazine .- Dallas, Texas,

The National Geographic Magazine for October is devoted chiefly to the proceedings of the Eighth International Geographic congress held in Wash-ington during the month of September. The opening article is an address by Commander Peary to that distinguish-ing gathering. There is also a paper



# IDAHO AND UTAH AGITATORS

The rash, raw and ridiculous charges against the "Mormons" made by Senator Dubols, as reported in Idaho papers, and those of his henchman Stalker, have been so extraordinary that they have been indignantly denied by non-"Mormon" speakers and writers, and proof of them has been demanded. to be met only by evasions, inferences and expressions of belief in current rumors. Ex-Governor McConnell, as is pretty well known by this time, challenged Senator Dubols to meet him in debate on this so-called "Mormon" question, but that was a little too much for the willy accuser, and so he declined on this specious plea:

"I hardly think I would be justified in debating with any one unless they are candidates for or now occupy posttions which call upon them either to make or enforce laws against criminals, as I regard the Mormon people

Governor McConnell, through the Spokane Review, responds to this refusal in caustic but courteous remarks, and we take the following paragraphs from his rejoinder:

"Senator Dubels says after the Mor-mons had the right of suffrage restored to them they quietly secured the re-peal of all laws for the punishment of sexual crimes. I challenged Mr. Dubois to debate this question with me but he refused and said he could not afford to give me the time necessary. Know-ing as he does that these statements are false, he dare not meet me on the

The fact is every law now on the statute books of Idaho for the punish-ment of crimes of that character, including polygamy, is stronger and more effective than it was before the Mor-mon people had the right of franchise restored to them.

That answers but one untruth which the ambitious politician is repeating on the platform. The Nampa, Idaho, Herald prints some others and denounces them as both false and extraordinary. Here are a few out of many of a similar kind:

"It was proved by the testimony be-fore the Smoot committee that four of the Apostles had gone into new polygamy since the manifesto."

'The sugar bounty of \$250,000 will be pald to the Mormon Church."

"The Utah and Idaho sugar companles are owned and controlled absolutely and entirely by the Mormons, No Gentlie owns any interest in those companies whatever.

'No Mormon can rebel against Church dictation in politics."

These are all impudent falsehoods but the last, and that is untrue in its intent, but no "Mormon" can "rebel" against something that does not exist. so it is in that sense literally correct, But here are a few sentences from the orations of the insane or infamous Stalker:

Joseph Smith was killed because he was inducing young girls to go into polygamy."

"No young man can secure a position in Utah unless he can show a receipt for his tithing."

"I personally know of and can name over a hundred men who were assassin-

# A TRIUMPH FOR PEACE.

Those who were disposed to scoff at The Hague convention, because it falled to accomplish all that the most sanguine expected of it, have had an obfect lesson these days of the practical value to the world of the deliberations of the members of the peace congress. Owing to the civilizing influences of

which that gathering was one of the most desirable results, nations shrink from taking up arms, except as a last recourse, and The Hague convention provides practical means of securing delay in commencing hostilities, until the common sense of the nations inter-

ested can make itself heard, without being interfered with by the clamor of passion.

With this end in view, the powers signatory of The Hague convention agreed to accept the good offices or mediation of one or more of the friendly powers, before appealing to arms, They, further, agreed that powers not interested should, at any time, have a right to offer mediation and that such offers were not to be considered as unfriend-

ly acts. It is evident that France in the quarrel between Great Britain, and Russia, under this agreement, urged arbitration, and that the counsel was accepted.

But it soon appeared that there were . it least two conflicting versions of the incident. Formerly there would have been little hope of settling a dispute about facts except on the battlefield. But The Hague convention provided for that contingency by suggesting the institution of International Commissions of Inquiry, "in order to establish the iroumstances which have given rise to the dispute and to clear up, by an impartial and conscientious inquiry on the spot, all questions of fact." The dispute has now been advanced to the stage of inquiry before an international

According to The Hague convention, such international commissions can be constituted in any manner agreeable

ommission.

to the interested parties; but, in the absence of any special agreement on that point, each party shall name two representatives, and they shall choose together an umpire. In case of a division of votes, the choice of the umpire shall be entrusted to a third power, named in agreement by the parties. Another institution provided by the Hague convention is a Permanent Court of Arbitration, accessible at all times and working in conformity with the 'rules of procedure agreed on.

When the inquiry is finished and the facts reported on, the case will be ready for the court of arbitration.

The fact that the Anglo-Russian dis-

There is every reason to believe that Rojestvensky doesn't let his right hand know what his left hand is doing.

The weather bureau man can have any office he wants if he will only continue to furnish this kind of weather.

If you aren't registered by tomorrow you might just as well be a foreigner next Tuesday, so far as voting is con-

The history of the North Sea incident settlement seems to be this: France proposed and Russia and Great Britain

disposed. The Russian and Japanese armies are both engaged in digging trenches south of Mukden. 'To an onlooker it seems as though both were digging their graves.

From St. Petersburg comes a denial of the story that Russia is to have a free press. When Russia gets that she will be far on the road to constitutional government, and as yet she has not turned into that road.

A revised edition of the compilation of aws and treaties relating to Indian affairs in two quarto volumes of 1,200 pages each, has just been issued by the government printing office. They should be introduced into all the Indian schools of the country for the delectation and instruction of the little red boys and girls. As prizes of good behavior they would be unexcelled.

It is alleged that the battleship Ohlo and several other of the latest additions to the navy are glaringly defective, the defect consisting in omitting to put armor around the after end of the superstructure. All were built ac cording to plans and specifications which were made in the navy department in Washington, under the direction and scrutiny of the board of construction. If the facts are as alleged it is a matter of deep regret for the six ships said to be defective represent many millions of dollars, and several years of work. It seems hardly possihle the navy department would go on constructing defective ships and not discover the defect. If naval officers knew of the defects and did not inform the department of them, they were gravely depellet in their duty. The story probably is more of a sensation than snything else.

## A PEACE VICTORY.

Chicago Record-Herald. 'The Hague peace tribunal carles off the honors by the very fact of its existence, and again proves the wisdom of its creation. Russia has already apolo gized and promised indemnity to the fishermen of the trawling fleet. What The Hague tribunal will now have to determine is the personal responsibil-ity on the part of the Russian officers. and it may fairly be assumed that Rus-sia will be under obligation to inflict such punishment as the tribunal may indicate.

New York World. That the British people and the gov-

rnment have restrained themselves under great provocation is convincing

