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The closing exercises for the season of the universities, colleges and high schools, which are still commonly but absurdly called "commencement" exercises, must be highly gratifying to the parents and friends of the graduates, and also to the people of Utah generaljustly a source of pride to this State. They are under the management of thoroughly competent officers and preceptors whose hearts are in their work, and the progress that has been made by the pupils shows that they ,too, have loved their labors and are anxious to advance in learning, so as to be fulthe pregnant future.

To see the ardor and intelligence of the hosts of bright youths and blooming, beautiful and intellectual girls, exhibiting talents and culture that rank them with the best, is to receive an inepiration of hope and faith in the generation to come, and the assurance o that growth and advancement that. every lover of the race desires,

This year's developments in educational circles are full of promise and of joy, and we congratulate the workers therein on their excellent achievements and their evident success. We also join in the general rejoicing over the effects of sound scholastic training in so many of our young people, and trust that it will be put to good and practical uses, the benefits of which shall be permanent and for the welfare of society as well as the individual home.

WAS IT ONLY A "JOKE"?

Secretary Moody of the Department of the Navy made a brief but happy speech in this city on the occasion of President Roosevelt's visit. He was cheered to the echo. The remarks that called forth the greatest enthusiasm were as follows:

"Governor Wells has expressed a wish that one of our large warships be named after this State. (Applause) And I see you want it, too. Well, in so far as I have a right to, I will say that if, by the help of your representatives at Washington we get, next winter, as was given us last winter, five powerful bat-tleships, one of them shall be named the Utah."

On reaching Washington, Secretary Moody was interviewed by an agent of the Associated Press, and the report of his alleged utterances was published throughout the country. Here is the paragraph that referred to his speech in this city:

"Secretary Moody declines to say whether he would recommend the con-struction of five battleships by the next of Congress, an inference de duced in some quarters, as a result his speech at Salt Lake, when he told the Governor that if the next Congress treated the navy as well as the last, he would name one of the battleships in honor of the State of Utah, nor was he prepared to say whether the adminis-tration had in contemplation a general naval program with a view to the construction of five such ships a year.



A	nd the question to be decided is—the place. If it's a place for holding your excursion or picnic, it's easy to say
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