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THE SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

Conventions are to be held in the First, Second. Third and Fifth municipal wards this evening, for the nomination of non-partisan candidates to be members of the Board of Education in this city. The Fourth has already held its convention. As appears to be customary, a great many false or misleading reports are in circulation respecting the nominees. We understand they are all piedged to a non-partisan position, and will not not, if elected, as the

The new candidates and some of those who stand for re-election announce this policy: They will endeavor to maincourse, the high school, at their pres- creased, so that the passage of at least prove them as rapidly as possible. To the pale may be accomplished. Small conduct them on the principle of true | balloons with records of the expedimony or the cutting down of expenses | monthly or fortnightly intervals, and needlessly. To permit no discrimination against teachers on account of refigion, nationality or politics. To give equal to outside ability but not otherwise. That, in brief, represents the views of the gentlemen who will appear as new candidates this evening, and this we are informed is the same as to abandon during his trip. A Russian pointed. It is desied that the pro-

didates should be put forward, for the highest latitudes. purpose of damaging them in the minds to be their own successors.

A false issue was raised at the proceding school election. It was urged that certain candidates were opposed to tended issues raised now are of a similar nature. There is nothing in them sons to carry their own points. The public should not be deceived by these

The Board of Education should be non-partisan and non-sectarian. It should be conducted in the interest of the whole people, and not for any private projects or personal ambitions. The public have the right to nominate of their own choice, and intimations that they are to be censured for putting forward other men than those now in office are factional and absurd.

The evident efforts to provoke anti-"Hormon" antagonism and make that | quer Sweden. a factor in the election on Wednesday, are indicative of the spirit by which personal friends are animated. It is all to much trouble and unpleasantness. It has not originated among the "Morold, inveterate anti- across and ple.

Ity, that still unfortunately rankles in ple.

The Swedes in this country would the bosoms of a few irreconciliables.

The sooner it is utterly extinguished their native land, the American sym-

should exercise their liberty of choice | Benr support men whom they believe to be inimical to their interests. We want an efficient, non-partisan, non-sectarian Board of Education, and the people | evening. should see that this end is effected. The power is in their own hands: let them exercise it in perfect freedom.

ARCTIC EXPLORATIONS.

The determined efforts to reach the North Pole are, perhaps, not the least frozen North, or preparing to start at | cause is lost.

Foremost among those is that of years in the North, and accumulated The idea of the Hague conference was fore him has obtained. He started on accepted so far. his present tour in July, 1858, and his A local contemporary quotes Mr. vessel, the Windward, was frozen up Plongeon as follows: near Cape Durville the following win- of see in The Tribune that the people ter. Feary then started for Fort of Rall Lake City are threatened by Conger, with two companions. On an endergic of smallpox, New Year's day three of the Eskimo that mid them their supply of food, and the explorers were reduced to the necessity in a comparatively short firms but their of eating the remaining dogs. The skin escapes being pitted

1899, and then he went to Etah, where is decided to spend the winter of

pending the present winter at Fort longer, and that he will, at an early ate, go overland to Cape Heela, just From here he will make his "dash o the Pole," a journey of 450 miles n the spring and perhaps with sucess. Should be fail, it is supposed will never undertake another Arc-

Another explorer in the north is aptain Sverdrup, in Nansen's old thip Fram. The intention of the Norwegian sailor was to explore the northrn parts of Greenland. He started in 1898 with twelve companions, taking eith him provisions for five years. When last heard from, he was engaged n making maps of the eastern coast (freenland, a region almost unknown a geographers. He salled north in August, 1830, and has since not been e, too, is making for the Pole.

Among the expeditions that will start ext year is that of the Canadian, n the 1st of June and make for the features of his arrangements will be the establishment of stations of observation on the ice. These will be constaff of these stations, the account says, will be composed of hollow special representatives of any party, at least are to be established, and if vation, not to be sufficient for over-

> each succeeding balloon will contain the record intrusted to the former one to provide against the loss of any. Then the Duke of Abruzzi and Nansen, it is understood are to make a

ture of his expedition is his icebreaker It is unfortunate that misrepresenta- the Yermak, by the use of which he betions of the position of any of the can- Heves he can break his way to the

These are the more important exhas not been started by the "Mormon" the goal? Time will tell. There is, other extraneous matters have been anything strange in those regions that interest of certain candidates who wish proached the Pole near enough to enable them to draw conclusions as to and strange forms of life. Nansen's supposition is that the Arctic Ocean deepens as the most northern latitudes pole there may possibly be some islands, but not of any considerable size,

SWEDEN AND RUSSIA.

There is again some talk about Russlan designs on the Scandinavian penthe North will be able to carry any and to support at the polis candidates | although the crashing out of Finland's autonomy removes the buffer state be-

Commenting on the situation, the Kansas City Star observes:

Although few in numsome members of the board and their | would be forgotten and Norse and Dane would foin in the struggle. If the war wrong, and if persevered in will lead should come it would be a struggle to stir the beart of the world. From America the Swedes and sons of Swedes, with thousands of adventurous mon" people. But when they manifest | American youth, would hurry across the least resistance to the bitterness of the sea to fight for liberty. The Swedes their opponents, they are charged with the very wrong that springs from the seriously by Russia as the desperaold, inveterate anti-"Mormon" animos- aristocracy and the courage of the peo-

the better it will be for the entire com- pathizers would raise men and money at the approaching election. They are bave not been aroused since the days not bound by any tie or sentiment to of Charles XII, and the call to arms

ples of which have been received from the N. Y. and Utah Paper company, is an excellent and useful pencil and just the thing for newspaper men

So the old man Kruger was notified significant features of the close of the that he cannot see the German empercentury's scientific activity. No less or. That about settles his European than nine expeditions are now either trip. With a few more doors closed to will not readily be actually searching for a passage to the him, he will perhaps realize that his

Foremost among those is that of Lieutenant Peary, who has been in the Arctic regions for two years. He has already spent the greater part of ten years in the North, and accumulated Central and South American republics.

teamsters deserted him, taking with placing the patient under red light, and

winter was severe, and Peary had sev- Mr. Plongson may possibly have seen eral toes amputated. He now waited the letter written by a Utah physician. pose. The wides, by the news of Mr. Davis' death will be

Dr. C. P. Kjærbye, and published in the "News" a couple of years ago, on the effects of red light on patients suffering from smallpox,

It is a pity that people will sign peitions without reading them, and just o please a friend, one that is published purports to be from residents and taxpayers of a certain municipal ward, and is signed by a number of persons who, It is well known, are residents of ther wards of the clife. The whole thing is a farce, anyhow, but it puts those signers in a worse than farcial

Mr. Lease, who, by the way, is a wellio-do druggist at Wichita, Kansas, is said to refuse to contest the case of Mrs. Lease, who has entered a suit for livorce on the plea of non-support. There will, then, be no judicial pronunciamento on the important point whether a husband is bound to support a wife who devotes all her time to politics. Mrs. Lease entered the pub-He arena about ten years ago and has, since then, not often been at home.

An exchange remarks philosophically that there are some compensations for being a defeated candidate for the Presidency, and for having completed a term in that high calling. For while President McKinley was hard at work n the White House on Thanksgiving day reading proof on his message, and thinking about the trials of the approaching session of Congress, Mr Bryan at Lincoln and Mr. Cleveland at Princeton were numbered among the "rooters" yelling encouragement to the football teams of the colleges to which they have attached themselves.

A movement deserving a passing notice is the proposed federation of the various bodies of Catholics in this country. Delegates from the national Catholic organizations met a few days ago at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York,

to discuss plans for such federation. O'Rourke said that Bishop Messmer's plan, in which he defines the proposed federation as a "union of Catholic societies for the purpose of an organized and common action in promoting and defending Catholic interests on religious, social and civil lines," probably would come in for some disconsiderations of a purely business nature had been equally petent in urging upon Catholics the accessity of uniting, A committee of ten was appointed to draft plans and scope of the proposed federation and report to a convention to be held in Cincinnati on May 7, 1961.

faint trip to the North, their first ob- A committee on organization, with ject being to rescue three men whom | Congressman John J. Fitzgerald, of the Italian explorer was compelled to Brooklyn, as chairman, was also apadmiral, M. Makaroff, is also prepar- posed federation has any political aims, themselves, at any rate those in the ling for a North Pole tour, and the fea- but that, of course, remains to be seen.

AT WASHINGTON.

As senators and representatives beof the people. The religious question peditions. Will one or the other reach paratory to the reassembling of Conelement. It has been dragged in by however, among the general public, not their opinions. The operation is conducted with the ulmost courtesy or both sides. Senators and representan of the wind of olic opinion; or vance, to exhibit being known in rent so plainly that everybody may see

San Francisco Chronicle.

It is probable that in the matter of short session of Co made at the coming

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Dawson, and the biography of Gover-nor Alfred Cumming. The closing chapter of the life sketch of Walter chapter of the life sketch of Walter Murray Gibson, by Andrew Jensen, is given. M. R. Porter, a missionary in Germany, gives a very interesting de-scription of the Strasburg cathedral. Thomas Hull, general secretary of the Y. M. M. L. A., contributes an article describing the Woodruff monument and its dedication, which article is ac Among is "Infant Sacrament," Baptism and the "Beauty and Harmony in Organic Creations" by Bp. C. A. Madsen, "Athelstical Inconsistencies" by Atte-wall Wootton, The scientific article by Dr. John A. Widtsoe is a treatise on air under the title "One of Aristotle's Ele-ments." Among the leading events in "The Story of the World" are severa articles of greatest interest, by Dr. J M. Tanner, one of which is on Australasian Federation." The departments are full of choice matter and the association officers and members will be interested in the severa "Our Work" department terwoven tending to make this an in eresting number.-Improvement Era, Salf Lake City.

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