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a paper concerning the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon, part of which is now in his possession, showing that the reports in the press of the country concerning its being in Richmond, Mo., are entirely incorrect. A fac-simile of one page of the original | and "common repute" formed the great-

on compulsory education. The question of damages for such exclusion will The attempt to make a scare in this placed on the present events.

city deserves the severest denunciation. The idea that one or two mild cases of alleged smallpox in this city warrants is the very hight of medical absurdity. To people who have resided in either of the great cities of the world it is by the very individual who has expressed it. Here is what he has stated himself, as reported in a morning pa-

The doctor says that one may with perfect safety converse with any small-pox patient if standing several feet away. He calls attention to the fact that although the entire Lindsay troupe were cooped up in that Spanish Fork hotel with the first patient for eleven days there was but one case of infection, and that was where another member of the troupe slept with the first We are aware that a very large num-

ber of reputable medical men and women have satisfied themselves that vacclnation is a preventive, to some extent at least, of smallpox. Most of them have drifted with the tide of accepted theory. It is orthodox. That, however, does not prove it to be correct. In recent times a number of the very best physicians in Europe and America, after years of thorough examination into the alleged evidences and statistics in favor of that theory, have come to the certain conclusion that the medical world has been carried away by a delusion, and that the arrest of the progress of the disease is due to other causes than vaccination. Inoculation was once as orthodox as vaccination has become. It is now viewed as a horror. There are hosts of the final closing of the accounts. people who look upon the fad that has succeeded It with similar aversion, and would stand with a shot-gun, as ready to use it upon a person attempting to put vile matter from a diseased bovine into the bodies of their healthy children,

The Board of Health had better not be the same matter from different standtoo officious in this matter, which involves the rights and liberties of American citizens. They can advise what they think best, but they had better pause before trying to force upon the people of this city something that is utterly repulsive and obnoxious to most of them, and which that board will find Representative Roberts of Utah take the it has no legal authority to impose.

## WHAT IS HIS WORD WORTH?

Among the witnesses before the investigating committee of the House. of Representatives in the Roberts case, was E. A. McDaniel, who at one time was manager of the Salt Lake Herald. Like the other witnesses he could tell very little against the Utah Congressman from his own knowledge. Hearsay manuscript will be printed with the er part of all the testimony. But there were one or two little things which he did not seem inclined to remember when cross-examined, and one statement he made does not appear to be borne out by the facts. The following, which appeared in the Salt Lake Herald of this morning as a double-leaded editor. ial, fully explains that matter and will give to impartial persons an estimate of the value to be placed on the exmanager's veracity: "Mr. E. A. McDaniel, former man-ager of the Herald, testified before the Roberts investigation committee yesterday, and the Associated. Press report of his testimony contains the fol-"Mr. McDaniel said lowing statement: his retirement from the Herald was be-cause he did not wish to defend Roberts while living in the polygamous re-If Mr. McDaniel is correctly quoted, his statement is not only absolutely false, but actually silly. Upon the following day after the Democratic con-vention, in commenting on Mr. Rob-erts' nomination, The Herald said: "In all probability the opposition will make a personal fight upon Mr. Roberts, for which he is doubtless prepared. The Herald will defend his Democracy and the political rights of the people he rep. This declaration of policy was made while Mr. McDanlel was manager of The Herald, and this attitude toward Mr. Roberts was the attitude of the owners of the Herald. It was not their intention or desire to defend Mr. Roberts against charges relating to his personal affairs. This policy has been consistently adhered to, as the files of this paper will show, and the course pursued has been entirely satisfactory to the owners of the paper, to Mr. Roberts and his friends and, as an expanding circulation list testifies, to the general public, Neither Mr. McDaniel, nor any one else connected with The Herald has ever been asked or expected to "defend Roberts" in the sense that the expression was used by Mr. McDaniel, at Washington, and knows this better than Mr. McDaniel himself. Since an utterly false reason for Mr McDaniel's retirement has been given, it is fair and proper that the facts be stated. Mr. McDaniel resigned his position as manager because the owners of the paper had reached the conclusion that a change in management would promote its business interests. His resignation was tendered upon request. These facts are pretty generally understood and are published now sole. ly to correct any possible misunder-standing that might result from Mr. McDaniel's remarkable statement."

country, Great Britain must in all human probability, win in the end, but were she compelled to divide her forces, an entirely different aspect would be

It would evidently be entirely unsafe to make any forecasts, at this time, as to the future of Europe. For years the its designation as an infected district, powers have made preparations for a final and gigantic struggle. Great Britain had it in her power, in the early fifties to stop the progress of childish and ridiculous, and it is refuted | militarism and imperialism, which then took shape in the expansion of Prussia at the expense of her weaker neighbors. She might then, according to all appearances, have arrested the Bismarckian policy that, unchecked, developed and became a menace to the peace of the world. But she failed to grasp the situation and to perceive the future consequences.

> Last year, again, a heroic effort was made for the unseating of militarism and the enthroning of peace as the supreme ruler of nations. But with few exceptions the efforts were but formally supported.

In the history of the world it appears that warnings and premonitions frequently occur before great calamities. The fall of Jerusalem and the end of the Mosaic dispensation are well known illustrations of this truth. The Thoughtful reader of present events can hardly refrain from asking himself what the signs of the times portend.

Only this much can be said with safety, that in the general ragnarok of nations, Great Britain has as fair a chance of holding her own, as any other nation. She has stood for liberty and civilization and progress. And the performance of that mission cannot but be placed to her everlasting credit at

#### AS TO ROBERTS.

There are so many comments adverse to the action of the House in the Roberts case, that we have not space for a tithe of them. We append here an editorial from the New York Post, and a letter to the Denver Post, which touch points, and are samples of others to the same effect: The New York Evening Post re-

# marks:

"It is already evident that the more oath on Tuesday regret that they were swept off their feet by the wave of pop-ular clamor. The pleas which were made for this hasty and revolutionary action do not stand examination, while the arguments in favor of following both the precedents and the obvious dictates of justice, by admitting Roberts and then expelling him if a fair investigation should warrant the step, grow stronger the more carefully they are examined. The situation is made the worse by the fact that the investigation which has been ordered is to be made by a packed committee. It is always the custom in legislative body, as it is the obvious dictate of justice, that the minority should be allowed representation on eve-

I am weary of the sickly white of hy-pocrites and pharisees, who stand aghast at a molehill of sin, but placidly close their eyes to the towering mount-ain of infamy that casts its darkening shadows over their own hearthstones.

I have no special interest in Mormons or Mormonism, but I love fair play and hate all manner of shams and charla-tans. Why not tell the truth and be honest? When the Mormons are charged with immorality. I want to say that it is a matter of historical record that until the Gentiles went into Utah-there was a period of virtue and meral. there was a period of virtue and moral-ity in that Territory that has had no parallel in the history of this country. In 1870, with thirteen counties and an almost exclusive Mormon population, there was not within the entire limits of the Territory a saloon, a gambling house, a dance hall or a brothel! Does that bespeak immorality?

It seems to me that if a few thousand of the good men and women who are becoming hysterical over the imaginary dangers from Mormonism would don their spectacles, sweep their own door-

yards and devote their attention to purifying their conditions near home, they vould be performing a far more valuable service to humanity than they are likely to do by venting a narrow, sec-tarian spleen upon Mr. Roberts and the peaceful, prosperous, unoffending com-monwealth of Utah which has elected

him to represent it. MORTON ALEXANDER. Hot Sulphur Springs, Colo.

The chief figure in Christmas shopping is the woman with the pocketbook

The American Federation of Labor may not have fallen among thieves, but it seems to be in the hands of the pollticians.

At least one man has reason to be thankful that the pardoning power of the President saved his Bacon from penitentiary fare.

There's a grim humor in that note found in a Boer shell fired into Mafeking, which shows that the Boer soldiers are in dead earnest.

"Mobility" in warfare is coming to mean skill, courage, ability, strategy, and all the terms included in qualifications of defensive warfare.

Kansas highwaymen have a taking way with them, according to the experience of passengers on a Missourl Pacific train near Kansas City last night.

There has been much talk of "repute" In the testimony in the Roberts case in Washington, but some of the witnesses fall short on a claim of being reputable.

The latest joke told on Gen. Buller by the censored dispatches is that the guns he reported lost have been found, never having been outside of the British line of defensive fire.

The dispatches note that the national House of Representatives was in a good humor today. The explanation added is necessary-that three-fourths of the members were absent.

The board of education does not care to launch out into making unlawful requirements of the children-a procedure that is pleasing to the people, even though it was not surprising.



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reckoning of time, although often used in a general way of any series of a hundred consecutive years (as a century of temperance work), usually sig-nifies a divisioin of the Christian era, consisting of a period of 100 years end-ing with the one hundredth year from which it is named; as, the first century (A. D. 1-100, inclusive); the seventh century (A. D. 601-700); the eighteenth century (A. D. 1701-1800.)"

Chicago News.

The Kaiser and the federal council of Berlin are the latest to get mixed on the end-of-the-century business. Germany will probably obey the Kaiser's mandate in regard to duly celebrating the opening of next year as the beginning of the twentieth century, but that will not make it so. Cer-tain wise men in Galileo's time made that astronomer say that the earth does not move. When he rose after his recantation, however, he is said to have stamped on the earth, saying, "E pur sl muove' -- It Galileo was right and the learned doctors and officials were wrong.



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petition of Lyman Wight to the Senate of the United States, which, with the manuscript of the Book of Mormon. was deposited by the Prophet Joseph Smith in the cornerstone of the Nauvoo House. These are but a few of the valunble contributions to the Christmas number of the Deseret News, as will be seen by reference to our prospectus. It will be the finest edition of this paper that has ever been issued from the press.

article, and one also of a page of the

## THE CURRENT LOCAL TOPIC.

The action taken by the Salt Lake City Board of Education, as to compulsory vaccination, is guite satisfactory and will be commended by ninetenths of the people. As the Deseret News has already pointed out, the Board of Education is not endowed with authority to force upon the school children and teachers something that is not required by law. However, that body may recommend anything which seems desirable to the majority of its members. The recommendation to the people of this city to have their children vaccinated is open to discussion, but cannot be popularly condemned, because the virtues of vaccination are by no means a settled question. In declining to attempt that compulsion which interested persons desired the Board to exercise, that body showed wisdom and saved itself from a great deal of trouble and much litigation.

Dr. Beatty, of the State Board of Health, however, seems determined to rush in where the Board of Education feared to tread. He is reported to have forestalled the action of the State Board of Health, in the announcement that a proclamation will be issued, making vaccination compulsory among school children in smallpox infested districts, with the probability that Salt Lake will be included in that category. In that case, he states, "Teachers will be required to send home all children not vaccinated and if the parents object, their only plan to obtain redress will be through recourse to the law."

That appears, no doubt, to the Dr. a very neat little scheme to insure considerable work for the faculty, and also to make it very pleasant for parents who object to having pus from a diseased calf injected into the veins of their pure and healthy offspring. But there is a weak point in it which might as well be pointed out before extreme measures are adopted. It is this:

The law provides for compulsory education. It does not require vaccination. While parents would have recourse to the courts in the event that their unvaccinated children were for that rea- | rant. son excluded from the public schools, which they support by taxation, it does not follow that the burden which Dr. Beatty grimly seeks to impose upon We have no fears as to the result. Vac- ness of the Abyssinlans.

#### UNREST IN ABYSSINIA.

Rumors are rife about some trouble brewing in Abyssinia. It appears the King, or Negus, of that country has suddenly remembered that he has a boundary dispute with Great Britain. and that the present time is lavorable for the settlement of that controversy, King Menelik is thought to have a fighting force of about 200,000 men, well equipped with modern arms of every description, and his former experience with the Italian troops naturally leads him to put a little more emphasis on his demands for his rights, than his importance would seem to war-

The chief significance, however, of an armed rising in Abyssinia at this time is the fact that it probably will not take place except on the instigation of them will be thus assumed. They can some foreign power. Menelik is known keep their children from school if to have looked to St. Petersburg for adturned away, and the onus of compell- vice, ever since the aggressive policy of ing them to send their children to Great Britain in Upper Egypt, and the school will rest upon the Board of Edu. suspicion is not ill-founded that the sation and the Board of Health. The machinations of Russian statesmen parents will simply be on the defense. are to be seen in the rumored restless-

ry committee. Nearly sixty members voted with Mr. Richardson of Tennessee, the Democratic leader, to let Roberts take his seat and refer the charges against him to the judiciary committee for investigation, but not one of these men was given a place on the epecial committee which was finally ordered. This unfairness on the part of Speaker Henderson is only another illustration of the way in which one false step leads to another, in a legislative body as in every other relation of life. "A great deal has been said in the talk

concerning this case about the necessity "preserving the sanctity of the American home," the loudest voices raised being those of editors who have done most to demoralize family life by their newspapers. The truth is that the safety of the home, as of everything eise worth preserving, depends upon the maintenance of justice. Every sensible Every sensible person appreciates this when it is case of lynch law by a mob, like the shocking one at Maysville, Ky., last week. It is equally true when the principles of tynch law are accepted by Congress as happened in the House on Tuesday. The personality of Roberts has no more to do with the issue volved in this case than had that of Jay Gould years ago, when he represented the maintenance of the rights of property in this city. Investigation may show that the claimant of a seat from Utah is an odlous wretch, who ought be expelled by the House, but to refuse him admission on mere allegations of his badness, when he meets all the equirements of the Constitution and the laws for the swearing in of a Representative-elect, is an outrage, homes of Maysville would be more red today if the people had allowed the law to take its course in the case of the negro criminal whom the mob burned and tortured to death. In like manner, "the sanctity of the American would have been better mainhome" tained if Congressmen had visited upon Roberts the punishment which he prob ably deserves, by expelling him in an orderly and impressive manner, than by violating the principles of justice and offending the sense of fair play."

To the Editor of the Denver Post: If ever there was a case of "swallowng a camel and straining at a gnat," it occurs to me this Roberts case is certainly one All over the country goes up a hypocritical clamor against the terribly bad man from Utah. What are the charges against him?

He is a polygamist And is a polygamist a criminal, an

outlaw and a bad man in general? Assuredly, yes-unless he and his wives have taken the precaution 10 avoid the little formality of marriage ceremonies. In that event he is usually a Christian gentleman, entirely eligible o a seat in Congress and to a pla the select circles of society. He may be a professed libertine and a leprous profligate; he may betray innocent girls to their ruin, wreck their lives and seud them by the score down the dark road to hell-yet he remains "eminently respectable," carries high his head and sits in the cushioned chairs of power and authority. Is not this extreme display of sham

virtue and hypocritical pretence which the American people are making over the Roberts case nauseating to honest I am not defending nor condoning po-

lyganiy. I am condemning the hysterial rantings of men and women who have been so quick to discover the mote in their brother's eye, and so slow-oh. o slow-in detecting the beam in their wn eyes. Is our Christian Gentile system of

marriage such a stupendous success it. self, so promotive of virtue, peace and happiness, so far beyond the range of ersticles that our self-righteous reform-ers are compelled to seek the far-off, peaceful valleys of Utah in order to find something and somebody to condemn and rebuke

What, I pray, have they to say con-cerning the 50,000 divorces granted in the United States during 1898? What of the more than 2,000 infant babes found

The fact that Italy was glad to get its army piecemeal out of Abyssinia, after a heavy defeat, is a warning to other European powers to be quite free-handed when trying to take a "fall" out of King Menelik.

The resolutions of Antwerp pastors, asking British pastors to pray for an early cessation of hostilities is likely to be tabled indefinitely. One feature conducive to that end is that the Dutchmen sang the Transvaal hymn at their big prayer meetings," but no mention is made of singing "Rule Britannia."

The Omaha World-Herald says: 'After public excitement has had time to cool the Roberts case will receive proper attention. It is not the American habit to declare a man guilty and then proceed with a trial." Not the habit, perhaps, but the "exception" was recorded on December 5, in the House of Representatives.

A few days ago some of the Eastern papers announced that Gen. J. H. Wilson, now in Cuba, would resign if Gen Wood were made military governor Now Gen. Wilson says such an act on his part would be childish. The incident shows that the newspaper which started the story did not know Gen. Wilson, if it did know the foolishness of its suggestion concerning an army officer.

Mr. Keating, an ancient Hibernian leader, says the Irish societies in this country propose limiting active sympathy for the Boers to the passage of resolutions and to giving aid through the Red Cross to wounded Transvaalers. To that extent, they have as much right to proceed as had the American ladies who fitted out a supply ship for SEX.

British sick and wounded in South Africa; but it is just as well to stop there, that this country shall have no increase of complications on its hands.

#### THE CENTURY QUESTION. Kansas City Star.

The subject seems so simple and so utterly devoid of any rational ground for controversy as to merit no serious consideration. Yet some elaborate arguments have been made to prove that the Twentieth century begins with 1900, and the declaration of the pope will be regarded by such persons as a con-firmation of their contention. They may, perhaps, be excused for their inaccuracy on the ground that the nineteenth century has enough great achievements and enough of human progress to its credit to easily relinuish the year in controversy so that the world may plunge at once into a new century. It may be suspected that the pope's anxiety to live in two cen-turies had something to do with his dec. laration that 1900 will usher in a new century. But these sentimental consid-erations do not change either the fixed facts of arithmetic nor the measurements of time, and it must remain true that 100 years makes a century and that nineteen centuries are not completed until 1,900 years have passed into the abyss of the past.

#### Chicago News.

Of all the fin-de-siecle follies yet in evidence the clamor of people who believe that ninety-nine years make a century is the silliest. That even Parisians probably believed that in hold ing their great exposition in 1900 they would inaugurate a new century instead of rounding out an old one shows how widespread was and is the harmless delusion that 1892 is the last year of the more than 2,000 infant babes found the ninetcenth century. Had the pro-dead in ash barrels and alleys in the mulgators of the unaccountable delucity of New York alone last year? What sion that 1900 is the first year of the

### Boston Herald .

It turns out that the pope has not designated the opening of the coming new year as the beginning of the new entury, after all The decree from the Vatican appears to have been mis-translated in transmission. The midnight mass in observance of the new year will be celebrated, not in token of the arrival of a new century, but of the ushering in of the final year of the old one. The Pope of Rome is the last person in the world to get mixed on this subject. It is to Pope Leo's distinguished predecessor, Pope Gregory XIII, that we owe the reformed calendar and the generally accepted system of Christian chronology

#### Says the Springfield Republican:

"It was a young southern congressadmitted that he voted to man who deny to Mr. Roberts the right of being sworn in as a member of the House because of the popular clamor. 'If were to take a stand antagonistic to the wishes of the great mass of my constituents in regard to the Roberts case,' he said, 'when the next cam-paign comes on, I wouldn't get 200 votes in my district.'"

Did he not speak for a considerable majority?





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