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#### A CITY OF HOMES.

The Inter-Mountain Catholic in its latest issue has the following editorial, which we commend to the attention of good people who imagine that in opposing the "Mormons" and seeking to obtain special legislation and missionary labors for Utah, they are striving for the supremacy of what they call "the American home," ignorant of the fact that in this State there are more people who own their own homes and who are interested in home living, than in other communities of equal population anywhere. Read what the Catholic has to say about home building in this city:

"Anyone walking or driving about the streets of Salt Lake City at the present time cannot help being im-pressed with the large number of houses being erected. Some of these houses being erected. Some of these are palatial residences, some terraces and flats, but by far the largest number are cottages of about five rooms, intended for homes for the ordinary family. A daily paper recently stated that there were five hundred of such homes now under construction. They are invariably of pressed brick, and present a very substantial appearance. Inquiries at rental agencies disclose the fact that the supply is unequal to the demand, and that the growth of the city has been such in the last few years that they are obliged to turn away daily, people who want houses.

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'Home ties have a powerful effect on the moral nature of the family. A man and wife are less apt to have disagreements when living in their of in home than when wandering around from place to place. Children, too, form early impressions, in which the moral teachings are interwoven with their material surroundings in such a way as to in-fluence their entire lives. A man or woman, looking back to childhood, re-calling the old homestead and the happy times enjoyed in it, will neces-

happy times enjoyed in it, will necessarily recall the moral teachings of that time, and be a better man or woman for the recollection.

"It is also a fact that the city of homes is invariably a prosperous, peaceable and thrifty community. The home-owner is interested in seeing that honest and capable men are se-lected to fill the offices. He is interestlected to fill the offices. He is interested in seeing that the money derived from taxation is not wasted or stolen, that the government is economically administered, that necessary improvements are made, that there shall be no rioting or destruction of property, and that all the affairs of life shall be conducted in a proper and law-abiding manner. Each new home erected helps the rest of the community in regard to taxes, as, by increasing the amount of taxable property, the rate of taxation is made less burdensome for each individual. The man who owns his own home has also the satisfaction of knowhome has also the satisfaction of know-ing that in case of his death, his family will have its own roof over its head and will not be in danger of being curned into the street. The owning of homes is the best solution of the local problems in Salt Lake City. It will solve them in a peaceable, natural manner, without dissension or bitterness. We trust this campaign of home-building will continue, and that within the next few years Salt Lake will become dishave its own roof over its head and few years Salt Lake will become dis

From the time when the Ploneers of 1847 entered this valley, down through all the intervening years until the present, the influence of the "Mormon" leaders has been exercised in urging upon the people who have come to these valleys, to acquire a piece of land and build on it and own a home of their own. That has been the policy pursued, and there are no people on earth in whom the home spirit has been fostered and enjoyed to a greater extent than they, Brigham Young was the prominent pioneer in that good work and he never tired of it. He was himself a home-builder, and he Inspired the people with the energy and desire in that direction that he himself

exhibited. We suppose some objector will fly all to pieces and explode with a slur about "harems" and their difference to "American homes." Well, there have been no attempts here to erect domiclies upon the oriental plan, and the great majority of the houses here, even in the earliest times, were homes in the fullest sense, even if most of them were humble, and poorly furnished. Each family regarded home as a sacred place, the beginning of that heaven which the "Mormons" expect will be on terra firms when the earth is redeemed, and not built in the clouds or founded upon

the sky. When a lot of professedly Christian women who live in hotels or city flats. and have little or no love for or knowledge of real home life, assemble and shout about "Mormonism" and the American home, we of Utah listen and look on with mingled amazement and disgust. "Home, sweet home" is a "Mormon" motto. Around it cluster and cling our hopes and joys and fond anticipations, and we colonize new re- | England, and until 1895 she resided in

gions and valleys that our children may have room in which to make and own homes of their own, where the husband may be the king and the priest, and the wife the queen and the helpmeet, the matron and genius of the household. Children are esteemed a blessing and an essential feature to the real "Mormon" home. If many of the women who are busying themselves about Utah and the "Mormons" were engaged in forming and fostering such homes, they would have something better to do than in fussing over what they know nothing about and snuffing danger to their society in the atmosphere of far distant Utah.

It is a pleasure to see so much home building in this city. Much of it is being conducted by non-"Mormon" business men, in such a way that renters can become owners of neat, comfortable and inexpensive homes on easy terms. It is a good business, especially when the work is done in a substantial manner, and not merely for temporary purposes and to catch the inexperienced eye. Salt Lake city has always been a city of homes, and it is extending in that direction with great rapidity. All classes are interested in the movement, and it is not a question of creed or party, or profession. Let us go ahead and continue the good work, until the whole country will see and acknowledge that this is indeed a city of homes!

#### THAT RUSSIAN SOUADRON.

Mr. Henry Clews, the well known New York banker, contributes a paper to the North American Review, in which he maintains that it is not true that Russia, during the Civil War prevented Great Britain from recognizing the Confederacy. Mr. Clews says that it is easy to assert that Russia, in 1863, offered the United States government the use of her ships of war that then came to the port of New York, and that this prevented, or may have prevented, England and France from recognizing the independence of the Southern Confederacy. But, he adds, we have yet to learn that there is any record of such an official overture by Russia, either at St. Petersburg or at Washington; and there certainly would be one in both countries if the assertion was a fact instead of being wholly mythical. He, further, introduces Mr. Gladstone's testimony as deciding the question authoritatively. Gladstone was a member of the British cabinet during the time of our internal strife. In a letter to Mr. Clews, dated in 1889, he says:

"As a member of that cabinet, and now nearly its sole surviving mem-ber, I can state that it never at any time dealt with the subject of recognizing the southern states in your great Civil War, excepting when it learned that proposition of the Emperor Napoleon III, and declined to entertain that proposition without quality. fication, hesitation, delay or dissent.

This is, no doubt, perfectly true, but It may also be true that the presence of the Russian squadron in New York at that time had a moral influence upon the European powers, of value to the Union, and that this was intended. Mr. Clews admits that Secretary Seward was shrewd enough to see the value of feting the Russian officers, for the effect of the presence of the visiting squadron was well calculated to impress foreign eyes, and he played the "bluff" for all it was worth. We may feel sure that the Russian government was not less 'shrewd" than our secretary of state, and that the effect of the naval visit was perfectly well understood. And that is all that is maintained by the friends of Russia-that she was friendly to us at a time when other powers considered the question of taking sides against the North,

#### A STRANGE WOMAN.

Some time ago it was reported that Louise Michel, also known as the "Red Virgin," was dying of consumption, at Toulon, France. It is therefore somewhat surprising to hear of her giving a lecture in Paris. But it appears that she has been recalled to life, and that she is telling the public about her experience, while lingering at the entrance to the "Valley of the Shadow." She said in her lecture that, while she believed herself dying, her will was absolutely gone. She saw herself as though she were another being. All material things became vague. But she recollected a similar experience she had in New Caledonia, during a cyclone. The heavens were black, the sea was black and it seemed to her that from the depths of the sea rose a profound power of attraction. It was as if one had existed in the elements and death was only a return to them. The future, she said was an indistinguishable mass. in which different epochs loomed like the summits of a mountain range. Beyoud there appeared the new horizon where truth shone for all.

Louise Michel is one of the extraordinary women of France. In her early days she was a school teacher and scored great success as such. But later she embraced socialist views and ended by becoming an anarchist of advanced type. She used to say that she had failed to kill Napoleon III, because "luck" was against her.

When, after the disastrous war with Germany, Paris was seized by the Communists, Louise Michel found her opportunity. It is claimed that she led the women who set fire to the chief buildings, and gained for them the name of "Petroleuses," and for herself that of "Red Virgin," a title of which she was immensely proud. She was captured by the Versailles troops, tried by court-martial and condemned to death; but the government was about tired of bloodshed, and she was transported for life instead of being backed against a wall and shot. She had done as much as anyone else to deserve death, but she was mercifully dealt with. For ten years she was a prisoner in New Caledonia; at the end of that time a general amnesty ended her life sentence and she returned to France in 1880. Three years later she was again imprisoned for her activity In communist movements, and sentenced to six years' imprisonment. Released after three years, she went to

London. Of late she has appeared from time to time publicly.

It is a strange fact that this woman, notwithstanding her stormy record, has a heart as tender as any woman, for suffering fellow-beings. A few anecdotes illustrate the beautiful side of her character. Henri Rochefort says that in prison she did not cease for an instant to devote herself to her companions; she gave them her rations, her clothes. She slept on the ground, went without shoes and transformed her hut into a hospital for the unfortunate. She gave away everything she had. Others corroborate this testimony. They say that in the various prisons through which she passed she turned over all the money and comforts sent her by friends to her fellow inmates, and won the confidence and respect of her keepers. At St. Lazare she was adored, atheist that she was, by the attendant sisters of charity.

One day in 1883, so the story goes, she set out in a new black cashmere dress for a lecturing tour in the Lyons district. Two weeks later she returned to her scandalized mother minus the dress (in her petticoat), having found somewhere in her journey a poor woman

who was in need of clothes. This is another anecdoate told of her While she was confined to her bed at Levallois, in consequence of a wound received at the hands of the Anarchist Lucas, Alphonse Montegut, a trusted frænd, went to see her. "An individual whom he did not know was moving about in her lodging quite as if he were at home. "Who is it?" Montague inquired. "Ma fol! I haven't the remotest idea." Louise replied naively, "He was out there without shelter, he saw my door a bit ajar, he pushed it open, he came in and I let him stay. He cooks his meals in the kitchen; be bunks there and rarely speaks to me." Try not to disturb him more than he disturbs me."

Clemenceau once said of her:

"She is a Christian of the early days: one of those who had Christ not on the lips but in the heart. She is of those who would have descended smiling in the arena and lost in an ecstacy— would have awaited the wild beasts

It is certainly strange that so opposite qualities should be found in one individual. But her whole history is strange. And it is not the least pecuilar that she should rise from the deathbed to tell of her experiences while apparently dying. She attributes her new lease of life to the universal sympathy expressed for her,

What will General Bell do "when this cruel war is over?"

"All is Fairbanks in love and war," say the Indiana delegation.

It's lucky for Colorado that the census isn't being taken this year,

The nomination for the Vice Presidency won't go begging much longer.

Charles H. Moyer is entitled, as no one else is, to ask: "Where am I at?"

If there is anything Secretary Moody wants and doesn't see, he'll please ask

This is the kind of weather that melts the ice and causes the iceman

When a bicyclist lowers his record it

always raises him in the estimation of

to shout for joy. Mrs. John Jacob Astor greatly shocked English society the other day. It

was a case of too much peek-a-boo. Raisull's real ambition is to change the Sultan's name from Muley Abdul Aziz to Muley Abdul Azwaz.

The Russians regard the battle of Vafanberg as a victory. There is nothing like the power to see a blessing in disguise.

The toy pistol, the pistol that produces lockjaw, is now on sale. The law makes it illegal to sell it. Let the law be enforced.

President Faunce of Brown University says the Americans of today are bound nowhere, under full sail," The idea is really Utopian.

M. Witte, the Russian minister of finance, says that the Russians haven't begun to fight yet. They have begun to retreat all right enough, though.

"I do not regard the Presidency as an

end, but as an opportunity," says Mr. W. Randolph Hearst. We fear Mr. Hearst will never have his opportunity.

Dowie has sailed for America. The treatment he received in Madison Square Garden was a veritable ovation compared with his reception in Australia and England.

How easily a great city is amused! Here is New York all intent upon watching the game of hide and seek that District Attorney Jerome and Reggle Vanderbilt are playing. William E. Curtis says that a hun-

cholera in the Philippines during the last year. It behooves William to get out of the islands before his letters get back there. Booker T. Washington says the people of the south can't expect to lynch the negro in the winter and have him

back to pick cotton in the summer.

Simply a variation of the old saying:

"You can't have your cake and eat it.

dred thousand people have died of the

THE SUCCESSOR OF QUAY.

New York Evening Mail, Pennsylvania Republicans have done Pennsylvania Republicans have done themselves credit and have laid the nation under obligation by recommending the nomination of Attorney-General Knox as a successor to the late Senator Quay, and Gov. Pennypacker is to be congratulated on the appointment. Mr. Knox is the intellectual peer of any representative the Keysione state has had in the national Senate in a generation and more, perhaps in a century. tion and more, perhaps in a century.

If the Legislature elects him for the full term, as it is expected to do, he will undoubtedly take high rank in the Senate. His should be one of the large figures in that body.

Philadelphia Ledger.

There will be unanimous and hearty concurrence, by all concerned for the honor of the state, in the selection of Philander C. Knox for United States Senator. So happy a solution of a per-plexing situation had not been hoped for. In the scramble of small men for a great position, past experience gave too much reason to fear that the politicians who presume to control the des-tinies of Pennsylvania would prefer one of their own kind, or one who could not overshadow them in public influence. That they should accept a candidate of the intellectual strength and distinction of Attorney-General Knox is creditable to them, however the choice was brought about.

Springfield Republican.

There is no legal reason why Mr. Knox should not continue to serve in the cabinet until December. He cannot become a United States Senator until he takes the oath of office in the Sen-ate, and the Senate will not meet until

Philadelphia Telegraph.

Rarely, if ever, has there been such n active ferment as that now agitat-ing the inner circles of Republican ing the inner circles of Republican party management respecting the succession to the chair of the late Senator Quay. Political speculators, lacking the common courtesy to wait until the late Senator has been decently buried, are rushing about in hot baste to secure the disposal of his political estate. Plots and counterplots are formed and undermined and bargains suggested by which the utmost advantage can be which the utmost advantage can be reaped for the conspirators undertaking to control the situation. One of these plans is to induce Governor Pennypacker to make such an ad interim appointment to the senate as will suit the purposes of the political hucksters, on the promise made to him, that at the expiration of his gubernatorial term he shall be given the place on the state he shall be given the place on the state supreme bench to which it is believed he aspires.

Pittsburg Post,

One of the first considerations with many of them will be as to the size of his pocketbook. Again, they will want to be sure that he is not troubled with a conscience and that a little thing like the Constitution standing in the way of the good of the party, which means the state machine, will not preway of the good of the party, which means the state machine, will not prevent him from calmly ignoring the fundamental law. Also, he must have no scruples as to how Republican majorities are obtained, and if any of the supporters of the machine get into trouble in manufacturing them he must be ready to use every effort to get them out. These are a few of the qualifications which the august conference of leaders will regard as vital in selecting a candidate. The last thing they will consider will be whether the voters would approve of their choice if given a fair chance to express their opinion.

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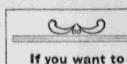
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