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OUR SCHOOLS.

Since the appailing disaster at Collinwood, where so many precious lives were lost in a fire in a schoolhouse, parents all over the country have, naturally, been anxious to know what safety other schoolhouses offer against a repetition of that awful calamity. The inspection of the school buildings in this city disclose the fact that the children are safe there. The exits are ample. In most of the schools the heating apparatus is not under the building, and the fire drills are kept up at regular intervals. But, if anything can be done to still further insure safety, it should be done immediately, without regard to cost. And there is, we understand, room for improvement

in some places. The Collinwood fire furnishes an object lesson. The interior of that schoolhouse was of inflammable material that was consumed with fearful rapidity, reducing the building to a flery furnace. The fire was caused by an overheated furnace. There should be no overheated furnaces in any public building where men are paid for the faithful performance of their duties. The hallways were narrow and there was some difficulty in opening the doors. The fire drill seemed to prove ineffective. All such defects should be promptly removed from any schoolhouse in which they may be found. Not only schoolhouses but all buildings in which many persons spend the greater part of the day should be look-

ed after. Halls, doors, stairways, fire escapes should be regularly inspected and not only ocasionally and at long intervals. In most cases of disasters of that kind, criminal negligence can be proved against someone.

MRS. SCHOFF AT IT AGAIN.

Mrs. Schoff, according to a Washington dispatch, would again lead the mothers of the country in an attack upon the Constitution of the United States, merely to prove her patriotism. The dispatch referred to states that the lady in her report to the Mothers' congress, said: "This society did its best to have the Mormon apostle unseated, but political influences were too strong for us and we waited. If Smoot should be re-elected the organization would make another fight against him and would make as determined an effort to hae him rejected on account of his apostolic connection with the Mormon Church as it did upon his first election.

That amounts, virtually, to a notice that Mrs. Schoff has an ambition to lead another attack upon the Constitution. As an intelligent woman she ought to know by this time, that absolutely no crime was proved against Senator Smoot. She cannot fail to know that she was taken in by anti-"Mormons" in whom she placed confidence, and been reserved as security for United was even led to make public state-States notes. This leaves only \$20,ments that made her ridiculous. As 062,000 gold actually held as a sura lady she ought to regret the part she plus in the Treasury; whereas, on was induced to take in an agitation November 16, 1906, the Treasury held that was unjust and dictated entirely \$117,954,000 "free gold," although by selfishness. But she does not seem the total gold in its vaults was only to regret it. Can it be that the fasci-\$740,987,000. nation of notoriety, not to say any. thing about the music of the contribution plate, in some instances, deadens AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE. conscience and all the nobler instincts According to circulars sent out, a conof human nature? We have referred to the attack upon vocation of the permanent committee Senator Smoot as an attack upon the of the International Institute of Agriculture is set for the 23rd of May Constitution. It was, During the long investigation, not a stone was left this year, at the palace of the Instiunturned in frantic efforts to find tute, Rome. This is one of the interproofs for the allegations made against national associations that deserve the the Church, which were relied upon in attention of all thinking men and wothe fight against the Senator, Everything that malice and ingenuity could suggest was tried. But no proof was In 1905 Victor Emanuel, King of Italy, called an international conference in Then some speakers on the found. which forty governments were represide of Mrs. Schoff and anti-"Mormonented and discussed the formation of ism" virtually appealed to the Senate to set aside the Constitution and apan International Institute of Agriculture. The plan materialized, and now ply a "higher law," or an "unwritten fifty governments have joined the Inlaw," and deprive Utah of one of her stitute. regularly elected representatives in the seminate information as to progress and Senate, Anti-"Mormonism" clamored results of crops, and to summarize, for for nothing less. But a majority of the the benefit of all those interested, every Senators, who clearly saw the direction kind of detail relating to produce. The the agitation had taken, refused to become parties to a conspiracy against notification of prices prevailing at all the Constitution. They refused to be- the chief points, whether export or inicome traitors. But Mrs. Schoff says port trade is concerned, and of the cost of transport incurred, with any other she would try again. We know not whether Senator Smoot material factors, is to be undertaken, so cares to become a candidate for re- far as is practicable. The assimilaelection to the United States Senate, tion of weights and measures of the various countries which have joined the or not, but this we know, that if he is re-elected, it will be by honorable and Institute will be a matter of serious tawful means. It will not be by The importance of this association for "Church influence," nor by the various the benefit of the agricultural interests immoral influences that some candidates rely on. . If he is re-elected, he of the world will be seen at a glance. goes to Washington a second time, as It is another movement that belongs to he did the first, the regularly elected the same class as the interparliamenrepresentative of Utah. If the estim- tary union and the American Society of able ladles who meet as a Mothers' International Law, the object of which congress really are desirous of promot- is the codification of such law and the ing morality and safe-guarding the establishment of principles that will be American home, they ought 'to exert | recognized by the courts everywhere, It all their influence to have men like is one of the straws that shows the di-Senator Smoot elected to the logislative | rection of the wind. It may be a fore assemblies everywhere, and not only runner to the establishment of an interto Congress. They ought to exert national body for the regulation of the their influence against men of the commerce of the world. It may lead

and criminals as can be reached by existing laws. There is a general dehand all over the country for some of their labors than to break new soll radical measures of protection for or- and produce the necessaries of life. ganized society.

There is a section of the Immigration act which provides:

"That no person who is opposed to all organized government, or who is a member of, or affiliated with, any or-ganization entertaining and teaching such disbeller in, or opposition to, all organized government, or who advo-cates or teaches the duty, necessity, or propriety of the unlawful assaulting or killing of any officer or officers, whether of specific individuals or of officers generally, of the government of the United States or of any other organized government, because of his or their official character, shall be permitted to enter the United States or any territory or place subject to the jurisdiction thereof." "That no person who is opposed to

This gives the necessary authority to deny admittance to conspirators against the state, but how are the au-

thorities to ascertain their views, or affillation with anarchistic societies, until they have proved their opinion, by some overt act? If the intention is to quarantine the country against an infectious, moral disease, it seems to us that immigrants should be required

to show some kind of certificates of moral standing. Such certificates might be endorsed by American consuls peal to reason. May the Colorado board abroad. Some such requirement would of pardons be led only by proper mo bring better results than any test that tives if Alla's case ever reaches it. can be applied at the port of landing.

NATIONAL FINANCE.

Representative Boutell has called the attention of the House to what he terms "an event so extraordinary that it will be chronicled and commented upon with surprise and amazement in

every financial centre in the world; an event which all citizens of our Republic, without regard to party affilintion, may well contemplate with satisfaction and pride."

'The great "event" of which he speaks is simply this, that, for the first time in fiscal history, the gold coin and bullion in the United States

Treasury had reached and passed the sum of a billion dollars.

This certainly sounds big, but the Treasury does not really own this billion dollars in gold; and if it did the real thought of every economist would be that the Treasury ought to refrain event, and preliminary plans include from accumulating more of the peoples' money than it really needs. Of

course this is a sign of our great national productiveness, excelling in this respect any other country. Great Britain is the wealthiest of European nations, yet the gold in the Bank of England has never risen above \$245,-500,000. The Imperial Bank of Russia held \$591,600,000 in 1898, signifying only that it requires a large amount of the people's earnings there to guarantee the financial soundness of the imperial banking system. On

the other hand, France, much wealthier than Russia, had in 1906, the highest year, \$599,100,000 in the Bank of France.

If a banker keeps too much of the bank's money in the vaults, he does not prosper. The thrifty banker keeps of his money loaned out and at work on good security. A large holding in his vaults may be simply his preparation for an expected "run" upon his institution; and a relatively small reserve may indicate the greater soundness of the confidence the patrons.

Analyzing the Treasury balance, it is found that while \$1,000,482,000 was held this week in the vaults of government, as against \$912,075,000 a year ago, and only \$177,463,000 at this plty the ignorant Mexicans, we may date in 1894, yet of the great sum thus bestow a thought upon the individuals who are thrown into a panic in this held today, no less than \$830,420,000 was pledged against gold certificates

. Its object is to collect and dis-

food, and to some it was more conver ient to rob the neighbors of the fruits Wars today generally originate in land hunger. When all nations spend their energy upon the development of their own resources, there will be no occasion for war, for the earth has abundance for all the children of men. Then every one can sit under his own "vine and fig tree," and "none shall make them afraid."

The Tribune proudly says: "We

stand by the record." And Harry Orchard stands by his; With the appearance of fresh cucum

bers in the local markets, druggists expect a call for old time favorite remedies

Everybody should help in Utah's lan to show the state's appreciation of her foremost naval son, Robley D. Evans, One medal? He ought to have a pint or two of them.

"Is there no appeal?" asked Guiseppe Alia, sentenced to hang for the murder of the Denver priest. There is no ap-

Farmers shipping bees from one state to another should brand said bees, each of them upon the left foreleg, fourtwenty-fifths of an inch above the ankle joint, according to the view of record interposed in a recent legal action in an Ogden court by a railroad company.

An aggregation composed of the wives of some of America's most prominent capitalists, proposes to undertake missionary work in Nevada. If there s greater need for missionary work in Nevada than in New York it has escaped the watchful eye of the western people.

George of Wales, the Sailor Prince. is likely to pay a visit to America this year. The occasion of his coming will be the tercentenary celebration at Que. bec in the summer. England and France are together interested in the the participation of many dignitaries and fleets of the two nations.

Another Tribune special, written be vond doubt in the back office of the organ of crooks by a slave to cantankerous vilification and misrepresentation appears this morning under a Boise date line. It is intended to set the world afire by the statement that Mormons in Idaho may be disfranchised. The same amount of truth appears in the story as in many similar ones without foundation in any fact.

From the City of Mexico comes the story that a half-witted man caused a panic in a church, which resulted in the death of many persons. The church was well filled with people to witness the confirmation of a large class of children. An irresponsible character about town closed and locked the doors. He announced in a loud voice that he had been told to lock the people in, that the devil would soon arrive and get the wicked. His words caused : panic. The worshipers trampled over each other in their efforts to get out through the windows before the devil could arrive. Superstition is not all dead yet in the world. But before we

[For the "News" by H. J. Hapgood.] (For the "News" by H. .J. Hapgood.) Every day that we live the attention of the public is focused on some new man-some great personality who has risen above the flood tide of ordinary things and is held up to the view of all. Let us watch in the direction of

the public gaze and every day take note of the man in the limelight, and try to find out how he got there. It will be observed on inspection that most of these men have risen to the top through their own efforts-they are self-made men.

We are all very tired I know of hearing the stories about poor boys who have become great, but examples of such are so numerous that we cannot ook around us without seeing many of them. Last night I heard an incident in the life of Thomas A. Edison, the great inventor, which I believe hus never found its way into the public

It was back in the sixties when Edison worked as a trainboy on the Grand Trunk railroad with a run from Detroit to Port Huron. So ambitions was he that when his day's work was over he would go down to the Metropolitan theater in Detroit-long since out of business-and get a job as a super. It was no easy task after his railroad duties were over to dress up and carry a bear in the classic drama which was produced in those days. He worked overtime-that was the secret of the great stride he made all through life. He never tired, and at night when most men were resting, Thomas A. Edison worked until a late hour. His energy never gave out, and the result is one of the greatest in-

ventors the age has known.

JUST FOR FUN. Taming the Collector.

The March bill collector comes in like a lion and—if you are as diplomatic as you're hard up—goes out like a lamb,— Louisville Courier-Journal.

Weatherwise.

Forecaster's success in foretelling at-mospheric conditions has made him very conceited, hasn't it? Rather-sort of weather vain.-Balti-more Amademu nore American.

And Keeps Them Absent.

Secretary Straus wisely recommends absent treatment for persons afflicted with anarchistic tendencies—Ohio State Journal.

. Needed Both.

"Oh, my!" exclaimed the excited wo-man who had mislaid her husband. "I am looking for a small man with one

eye." "Well, ma'am," replied the polite floor-walker; "if he's a small man, maybe you'd better use both eyes."--Watchman.

And a Ship's Called She.

So much trouble is being experienced by naval experts in properly adjusting the armor belts on our battleships that any resourceful woman will wonder why they do not use safety pins.—Chicago News.

He Knew.

"Are you one of those mean spirited men who ask their wives what they de with the money they receive?" "Certainly not," answered Mr. Meek-ton. "I don't have to ask my wife. She plays bridge whist."

Probable.

Small boy (listening to the weird skirl of the bagpipes of a street per-former)—Father, why does the piper keep on the move all the time he plays? "I can't say, my boy, unless it is to prevent anyone getting the range with a cobblestone."

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ing and deporting such alien anarchists nated in the necessity of procuring world.

threaten them with some phantom. in use as currency, and that \$150,-000,000, since the law of 1900, ha

A very handsome little brochure has been issued by The Woman's Society of the Western Presbyterian church of Palmyra, Wayne Co., New York, containing a brief history of that city, with excellent halftone pictures of churches. homes, and prominent men and wome of the community. The compilers devote a couple of pages to the Church. These are illustrated by a fine view of the "Mormon Hill," and the farm of William Avery Chapman, once owned by Joseph Smith, Sr., the father of the Prophet. But the text which these ilustrations adorn is absolutely void of historical value. The Smiths were not charlatans, as represented in the brochure. They were God-fearing people, respected by their neighbors, la boring industriously in their callings. The Prophet Joseph was no deceiver. Even his enemies testify to his sincerity. And his whole life, which he, finally laid down as a testimony to the truth he had proclaimed, proves that he told a fact when he announced that the

Lord had appeared to him in a vision.

THE NEXT STEP. New York Herald,

If the inventor of the noiseless gun will only perfect a harmless built the world will rest a bit easler. They would

EVADING A JIM CROW LAW.

Arkansas City Gazette

form a beautiful combination hands of the lawless.

Arkansas City Gazette. Attorney W. H. Hart, a negro mem-oer of the faculty of Howard Univer-ity, Washington, D. C., purchased a 'uliman ticket in St. Louis for Fallis, Nka. After crossing the Oklahoma State line he was notified by the con-luctor to enter the 'jim crow'' coach. Hart declined, stating he had purchas-d the Pullman ticket to Fallis, and stended to ride on it, but gave the onductor the liberty of throwing him mf is he desired. The train crew did hot further interfere with him, but ar-tiving at Fallis he drove the 39 miles overland to Guthrie rather than enter land to Guthrie rather than enter jim crow" coach.

THE SHANGHAI JUDGESHIP.

New York Tribune.

Just judges are appreciated in Shang-iai as well as in New York, and, in-ead, the need of their being men of Their inductor against men of the meral calibre of some of Mr. Smoot's traducers. We respectfully commend this suggestion to the lady who pre-sides over some of the mothers of the country. AGAINST ANARCHY. Secretary Straus of the department of labor and commerce has given the immigration authorities instructions to co-operate with the police in arrest-ing and deporting such alien anarchists

