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"SINCE WHEN AND WHY?"

There is a little, so-called "Christian" paper published monthly in this city which has for its chief feature petry but mafignant attacks on the 'Mormon" Church. It is like a tiny wasp buzzing around periodically and scarcely worthy of notice on our part, nor do we intend now to say very much about it. However, we will quote a little from an editorial in its columns, entitled "Since When and Why?" which opens in this wise:

We are glad to notice that the Mormon Church through its official organ, apostles and other chief men are fulminating in orthrodex, and semi orthrodox, style against Sabbath desc-We are inclined to ask sines when or at what time this holy zen began to burn. A few years ago it idly denounced buggy riding on Now it waxes very warm in denouncing Sunday resorts, Sunday theaters, etc., etc. At the conference last April the first notes were sound

The ignorance displayed in that paragraph is only exceeded by the malice exhibited in subsequent parts of the same article. The orthography is laughable, while the insinuations indulged in are despicable. We are not aware that this paper or any of the Church authorities have adopted either the "orthrodox" or the "semi-orthrodox style" against Sabbath desecration whatever that may be, but we do know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its authorities have been most pronounced against the violation of the commandment to "remember the Sabbath day and keep !t holy," ever since the Church was organized

We know also that from the estab-Hishment of the Territorial government in Utah, laws and ordinances were passed against the conduct of business and any kind of unnecessary work on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, that, too, when only "Mormons" were or could be elected to the legislature, because they composed then the entire population, Files of the Deseret News as far back as the year 1850 will demonstrate the The statement that 'at the conference

last April the first note was sounded," is absolutely and victously false, We do not believe there has been a conference of the Church held in this city at which the subject of the observance of the Sabbath has not been prominently advocated.

The "Christian" sheet from which we have quoted indulges in a great deal of vituperation against the Church, based on the untruth to which we have alluded, and after a number of jeering and sneering remarks, con-

"It seems strange that the head of a church who claims to be in direct com-munication with the Almighty has not received a command or revelation of "In our 'small way' we called atten-

tion last year to the very things that the official organ of the Mormon Church now denounces but we received no amen from it. Why then this sud-

For the benefit of the writer of those ilinatured and would-be sarcastto remarks, we here quote from a revelation to the Church given August 7 1831, and contained in Section 59 of the Doetrine and Covenants:

"And that thou mayest more fully thou shall go to the house of prayer offer up thy sacraments upon my holy day; for verily this is a day up labors, and to pay thy devotion unto the Most High: pevertheless thy vows shall be offered up in right-cousness on all days and at all times; but remen her that on this the Lord's day, then shalt offer thine oblations and thy sac raments unto the Most High, confessing the Lord. And on this day thou shall do none other thing, only let the food be prepared with singleness of heart that thy fasting may be perfect, or. In other words, that thy joy may be

Randers of the Descret News know that this paper has advocated a workless Sunday from a secular as well as a religious point of view, from the very beginning of its publication, urging the enforcement of the statutes of the State and the ordinances of the city against Sunday business and Sunday umusements, giving reasons instructions and communityments. We believe in a day of rest for the toller, and for many years have shown from writings of physiologists and philesonhers reasons why one day out of seven should be observed for rest from labor and care. This is no new thing under the sun of the State of Utah or the light of the "Mormon" Church, and all the assertions and insinuations and wasp-like attacks of our pretendad "Christian" assailant are but the buzzings of a victous insect anxious

FARES TO THE CONGRESS.

A correspondent at Heber City asks the following questions:

"To the Editor. First, Dear Str he to the Irrigation congress, from Salt Lake City to Boise. Second, and the delegates will get their

enter to the Congress from all points efficiency is to be maintained." The

fare from Salt Lake City by Oregon Short Line to Boise will be \$13.10 the round trip; from Heber City \$15.69 and one fare for the round trip from other points. Tickets will be good from August 31st and September 1 and 2 till September 15, 1906; that will be the limit. A special at the same rates will probably leave Salt Lake City on August 30 at 8 p. m.

It is about time that delegates were appointed according to authority vested in governors of States, mayors of cities, county commissioners, irrigation and other societies and similar organlastions. Each of these will furnish crecientials to the delegates appointed, and this essential ought in no case to be neglected. Utah ought to present an imposing appearance at this important gathering of prominent men, and take its usual part in formulating plans and resolutions, giving practical information and pointing out improvements for the general welfare. Let there be no needless delay in making appoint-

THE POLISH QUESTION.

The disorders in Poland prove suf ficiently that the people there would rise and strike for independence, if they had a leader capable of organizing the dissatisfied elements for a regular conflict. But in Poland, as elsewhere throughout the vast empire, there seems to be a lack of leadership. All is chaos. Here and there a bomb is fired, and riot is provoked, but apparently to no purpose

Poland was crushed and partitioned

in 1794, after a long period of internal strife and disorder caused chiefly by the insatiable ambition of the nobles. In 1812 the European powers assembled in congress at Vienna for the purpose of readjusting the affairs of the continent after the Napoleonic wars, gave to Russian Poland a constitution and recognized Czar Alexander as king of that kingdom. But the tyranny of Russian officials caused dissatisfaction and in 1830 the Poles revolted. They gained some victories, but these were fruitless. The insurrection was put down and the constitution abolished. Russian brutality raged unchecked for a Alexander II was a benevolent mon-

arch and instituted some reforms in Poland, but his father had on his deathbed exacted the promise from him never to give Poland a constitution. He did not, and the reforms granted were insufficient for the restoration of peace. In 1862 another revolution broke out, with disastrous results. The leaders were slaughtered, or exiled to Siberia, and gloom settled over the country. Alexander was hounded by nihilists who, finally, murdered him, and that crime caused reaction in Russia against liberal reforms, which has had its effects to the present time. Poland has felt this reaction heavily. The policy of the Czars has been to obliterate both the name and the language of that opposed to Sabbath descration of all Men of intelligence were generally ided until they preferred exile. The young men were seized for the army? Misery has been the common tot of Polish patriots since the melancholy struggle for liberty in 1863. At this time, the Poles ask not for autenomy but for local self-government under the Czar. They ask for a status similar to that of Finland. But they will, no doubt, ask in vain, if Russia can withhold the boon. Finland was deprived every vestige of liberty only a few years ago. The spoil, however, was restored because it became necessary to reconcile the Finns lest they should join the general revolutionary movement. If the autocrat succeeds in restoring tranquility Finland will again be deprived of her constitution. If this conclusion is correct, Russia cannot be expected to be willing to grant liberty to Poland.

At present there seems to be an expectation among the educated classes of the country that Providence will interfere in behalf of the oppressed nation. Polish poets, we are told, represent Poland as "elected of God to preach to the peoples, not by words, but by deeds, the great and holy principle of terrestrial nationalities, namely, that only by being preserved inviolable and holy can they at length unite in forming a humanity at once harmonious and universal." France, these modern seers declare, preaches the love of men, philanthropy, and Poland preaches the love of God. This would indicate that the Spirit of the Lord is moving in a peculiar manner upon the Polish people, at the present time, and who can | tion say that their time of deliverance may not be near, in spite of the plans of autocrats? The Polish question is one of those inherited from an age of barbarism, which must be permanently settled before peace on earth can become universal.

DISARMAMENT IN ENGLAND.

The question of the reduction of the British army is one of the chief topics of discussion in England. According to the plan proposed by the War Secretary, R. B. Haldane, it should be possible to reduce the army by 20,000 men and yet make it 50 per cent more

fitclent than it is now. The proposition to reduce the army has been hailed with satisfaction among the friends of universal peace everywhere, as a sign of the growing influence of that sentiment. But it seems that it lacks popular support in England. And without such support the government will be prevented

from taking action. Lord Roberts insists that the army for notice. We have indulged it for as it is, is short 7,000 officers; that the disturbances in Natal are due to the fact that every British soldier was withdrawn from that province; that the Egyptian disturbances followed upon the reduction of the garrisons in that country; that in artillery the British army has less than half the number of guns per thousand men the 'News' what the railroad fare will that Russia has, only one-third of what Germany has, and that there are think that he is the secretary of the no gurs for the militia and volunteers. eredentials to the congress, and you England, he says is indifferent to the will oblige many subscribers." A field force question of reserves. "A field force! As this is a matter of general in- | requires to replace in its first year to issue a campaign book. This will terest we answer through these col- of conflict no less than 100 per cent he one of the best signs of political tumns, and it will form a guide to dele- of its original numbers if its fighting progress yet seen in Russia.

land's ability to defend it successfully; acy. and without a national reserve it cannot be defended at all, for even a continuous reinforcements behind it must disappear.

Lord Roberts, peculiarly enough. seems to voice the public sentiment in England. The London Saturday Resilly, and the Times says the nation will rally around such men as Lord. Roberts and Lord Milner, "who know what they want, who will provide the force we require, and who appeal. te a great moral and political principle." Lord Roberts, of course, holds the antiquated view that compulsory military service develops a nation's 'manhood,' makes for "patriotism," and improves the qualities of the workman. He refers to Germany, as an illustration of what he means, forgetting the unspeakable evils that a great military establishment like that of Germany necessarily engenders, and public sentiment seems to be with

This is unreasonable, but it furnishes another proof of the statement that the masses of the nations of the earth have not yet advanced far enough to demand the reduction of armies and the establishment of courts of arbitration. Those ideas are held by leaders in government circles, but popular sentiment is largely either hostile or indifferent. It is evident that the ideals will never be realized until the masses are influenced to support the leaders in their efforts. How can the masses of all nations be reached by the friends of peace? That is the problem of the present, as to the disarmament movement. If the nations would support their governments in the policy of peace, the great cause would be triumphant.

SPEAKS OF WOMEN.

Chicago professors are always saying something. And very often their utterances are startling, sensational. Professor William I. Thomas, of the University of Chicago, has followed the precedent and said something out of the ordinary. It must be the way the Chicago intellectual giants have adopted as a means of calling public attention to themselves.

Professor Thomas has come forward with a pronunclamento concerning the social institutions that are supposed to be founded upon the moral code. According to the Chicago Record-Herald, he defends the so-called social cvil." He also deplores the condition of many married women. Most American women, he says, referring to the married ladies, we presume, are merely "housecats" leading abnormal lives and "reduced to a condition of parasitism." That women have been driven to "trickery, indirection and hypocrisy" is his firm conviction. And this comes at a time when country. Russian was made the lan- yellow journals proclaim that Amerifact that this paper has always been | guage of the schools and the courts. | can missionary women in Turkey have made the Turkish ladies yearn for the ideal status of their American sisters!

The opinion of the gentleman may be of little importance, but the frequent attacks made upon our social institutions by persons who claim to have the right to influence public opinion, suggests that the menace to the American home does not come from Utah, as claimed by the enemies of this State. The fearful moral conditions prevalent in all the larger centers of population prove that the teachings of the advocates of licentiousness, who set forth their views at sundry times and in diverse manners, are not without bitter fruits, of the kind that turns

"I. X. L.," says the O. S. L.

Just now Stensland is the outland.

The gathering of the Eagles was not around any carcass.

Even in country clubs big "sticks" are sometimes found.

Does a bare statement of the truth shock Anthony Comstock?

There is little danger in being shot at by Russian Sharpshooters.

In politics this year you pay your dol-

lar and take your choice

The Monroe doctrine is taking deeper Boot in South America than ever.

In sports where there is much quarrelling there is generally some corrup-

Much criticism is made of the pecka-boo waist, but after all it is the hole

"Beautify Butte," says the Miner, This is not to paint the lily or that

There are so many skeletons in closets in Pittsburg society that the place looks like a catacomb.

Secretary Bonaparte would find Russia a fruitful field in which to try his cures for Anarchism.

Even when under fire the G. A. R. veterans never had a botter time than they have had in Minneapolis.

France and Rome cannot get together in the question of separating church and state; which is not surprising. When the Pulajanes shall have been

exterminated, will our mission of civilization in Leyte have been completed? San Domingo is in a ferment again, It always will be until half or more of

the people down there are buttled up. Uncle Jee Cannon's district has renominated him for Congress and also for President. Now won't there be a

The woman who is suing Secretary Look for fifty thousand dollars must

The Constitutional Democrats intend

army is now 17,000 men short. "The as pirates would be folly if not a crime empire." he declares, "can never en. Agent Sims should look into a law dicdure upon any other basis than Eng- tionary and learn what constitutes pir-

If no unforseen crop blight comes victorious army without the means of between now and October the United States will have the largest crop in its history. The Washington estimates are that winter wheat will approximate 493,000,000 bushels; spring wheat 265,-000,000 and corn 2,655,000,0000 bushels. view pronounces the reduction plan Private estimates of the cotton crop also Indicate enormous returns.

> Russians believe in the lash for anarchists, and also for unsuccessful legislators. According to a story from Kiev, M. Stefanduk, member of the outlawed Douma, was almost beaten to death because he could not explain to the satisfaction of his constituents why he returned home without obtaining the land and liberty he had promised them. remedied in the next. in his campaign speeches. American admirers of barbarlan methods should make a note of this.

Anti-Mormonism has become the leading Demogratic issue in Idaho, Many a minister in a Massachusetts church, it has been charged, finds it safer to berate the misdeeds of the Mormons than to attack evils which came nearer his own pews," says the Boston Transscript. It is afways so much easier to cast the mote out of your brother's eye than the beam out of your own. And in the case of the 'Mormons' it is so much more popular,

TUNNELS WITHOUT ROOFS.

Denver Republican.

Nature seemed to be niggardly with space in making the canons through which the Moffat road passes. One of these is Byers canon and the other the famous Gore canon. In both of these there is merely room for the road to run beside the river bank and such pace as has been secured to lay the tracks has been obtained by blasting out the solid rock. Part of the rock blasted from the canon walls has been thrown into the stream so that the mountain torrent roars along with everincreasing fury, but is powerless to out away the almost solid stone embanknents of the line. Byers canon and Gore canon are two of the available laces for crossing the main range of the huge mountains that lie to the westward of the continental divide. At either of these points the passes made by nature through the mountains saved the Moffat road many thousands of dolars in tunnels. There is little choice however, between the boxed canons and unnels aside from the difficulties of construction. The walls rise high and straight and no more passage for teams an be found through the narrow defile than if it were, indeed, a tunnel. It is merely to all intents and purposes a tunnel without a roof.

SHAKER CLOAKS OVER GOWNS.

New York Press. Cloaks of the Shaker variety will cover a multitude of frocks at Lenox his summer, for Miss Durand, daughte: of the British ambassador, has made that style of wrap popular for evening In fact, she was pronounced charming a few nights ago when she appeared with a cloak of blue thrown bout her white lingerie dress. Lenox is only two miles from Shaker colony t Mount Lebanon. Never since the start of that colony has there been a change in the cut of the cloak. But now that Miss Durand has started a demand receiving many orders, they are making cloaks in delicate shades to suit the complexions and styles of the fashionable girls. The Shaker cloak is simplicity itself and symbolizes unworldliness. That perhaps is the reason it has attained its vogue in Lenox. Society adores contrasts and a Paris gown with a Shaker cloak ought to fill the bill.

WENT SHOPPING. WAS SORRY.

New York Press.

Occasionally a man is forced to go shopping and is punished for his unsympathetic attitude toward sales where "the most amazingly cheap things ever dreamed of" are found, On one of the warmest afternoons of last week a bargain hunter and her husband were standing in front of a Broadway window which was filled with peek-awaists, doubly fascinating because they were marked within reach of their pocketbooks. Lingerie waists always ave a lot of temptation about them. The woman wondered how many she'd better buy: the man prayed for patince. Suddenly he caught sight of a dgn across the street: "Beautiful waists much reduced." "Is that another obesity cure or only a 'mark-down?" he asked his over-plump spouse. She stared at him haughtly and said: "You're stupidest when you think you're cleverest. Come on." He followed meekly.

ON SWEDEN'S LIQUOR LAWS.

Hutchinson News.

There has been a good deal of talk America about the Swedish system of handling the liquor business, known as the Gothenburg plan. This has been generally adopted in Sweden and all the evidence I can gather is that it works veil, at least in contrast to the old goas-you-please method. This is the plan: A company is organized and buys all the rights to sell "spirits" in a town. All the profit the company makes over per cent on its capital goes to the municipality. Our consular report quotes from government statistics to show that this system has resulted a decreased sale of liquot, credit being given to the fact that there is no financial object to be accomplished in pushing the sale, and because the regations as to closing nights and Sundays are properly carried out.

JUST FOR FUN.

Reaping the Whirlwind.

The revolution of Russia is scheduled to begin shortly after harvest. This leaves open a wide field of conjecture as to what the harvest will be.—Chi-

The Professional Advisers.

The czar keeps the press censor busy,

regardless of the vast amount of econ-omic advice and criticism that would be afforded by the establishment of a few popular magazines in St. Petersburg.-Washington Star. True Hospitality. Brazilians not only extended to

Root the courtesy of a horse race, be refrained from giving him any tipe. Philadelphia Ledger.

Modest Man Catholic Standard and Times Mr. Bragg-Miss Gushington? No she's not for me. She told me the other day that her husband must be

handsome rather than wealthy.

Miss Ascum-Well, you're not cealthy, but then-Mr. Bragg-That's just it. She literally threw herself at my head, and I don't like that sort of thing.

Brief, but Successful.

"Comanche Pete's career on the stage terest we answer through these columns, and it will form a guide to deletakes to the Congress from all points

In Utah as to railroad rates. The

of conflict no less than 100 per cent he one of the best signs of political progress yet seen in Russia.

The old we orse claims that the regular to indict the Japanese seal poachers

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The game must be played with real

money. He won every blamed cent the old man had, including the box receipts for the evening, slid out of the theatre through the back door and they never saw him again."-From the Chicago Tribune.

Like the Marbles.

Once there was a man who thought Uncle Russell Sage ought to stop work. He spoke to him about it. "Why get together any more money, Mr. Sage? You can't eat it; you can't drink it. What good will it do you?" "Eyer play marbles?" Uncle Russell

"Yes, when I was a boy," "Couldn't eat 'em, could you? Couldn't drink 'em, could you? No use to you, were they? What did you play marbles for?"—From Harper's Weekly.

Epigrams.

Egotism-Bellef that we are neces-ary wille living, and shall be remembered when dead. Religion-With some a hope, with others a belief, and with many a fear that the injustices of this life will be

Wealth-The modern standard of success. Pools worship it; ascetics despise it; wise men use it.--J. F. Finley in the Century.

Pounds and Quires.

"Judging from Miss Thumperion's treatment of the organ," sarcastically remarked the choirmaster, who objected to the new organist engaged by the rector, 'you prefer to buy your must,

" replied the rector, quietly, "It lsn't always supplied by the choir,"-The Catholic Standard and Times.



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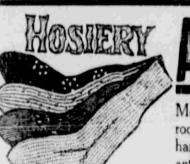
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