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SALT LAKE CITY. . DEC. 29, 1902.

THE SIMPLE TRUTH IS ENOUGH.

We notice with pleasure an editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune of this date, in line with the remarks of the Deseret News concerning the wrong of grossly exaggerating the condition of affairs in this city. We have no desire to promote the suppression of facts. It is expected that a live public journal will publish the news, but in doing so it is not necessary to give undue prominence to affairs of a scandalous nature, nor to magnify evils, the existence of which is sufficiently deplorable when only the truth is told.

Sensationalism may have its attractions, and therefore its excuses from a adulteration of food, to secure equitable newspaper standpoint. But even that rates of transportation, to encourage need not be so highly colored as to be positively untruthful, nor so imaginative as to be absurd. In the long run it will be found that facts will be more valued than fiction, and a permanent reputation for reliability will count for more than temporary success through 'yellow" coloring.

There are evils in our city that need the attention of the peace officers. Crimes are committed that startle the public. Vices flourish that ought to be restrained. But we maintain that Salt Lake is not to be classed with those "wide open" towns and centres of corruption that are notorious for their depravity, as some writers and agitators try to make it appear. We do not object to the telling of the truth; we merely protest against its distortion and exacgeration.

Prosecutions for crime and repressive measures against vice can be conducted, without those alarms and outeries which some zealous people mistake for efforts at suppression, but which merely aggravate and advertise them. The laws and ordinances now in force should be executed. Due diligence in that direction should be required. additional legislation is necessary it should be enacted. But the hue-andcry that is urged will serve to put this city in a false light before the world, without materially improving conditions at home. More work and less talk is the thing that is needful under the circumstances.

Woodruff, Mission President A. H. Woodruff and Elders Edw. H. Eardley, Jas. H. Shaweroft, Thos. C. Thompson, Jr., Harrie P. Barrows, Edwin Bodily, Jr., Jas. E. Henrie, Wm. Attwood, Brigham D. Gardner, Wm, G. Reysor, Alin Anglican churches.

fred H. Hart, Fred Stimpson, Jr., Abram D. Taysum, Hyrum Hanson and Swen Peterson. The Sentinel refrains from making

those invidious and misleading remarks, so often indulged in by reporters when speaking of "Mormonism" and the proselyting of the Elders, but instead gives a very fair account of their personality and labors. It states that they are distributing thousands

of tracts in different parts of the state. and are making a house to house cancass and will visit every home in Mil-

waukee. A summary of the progress of the work in the Northern States mission is presented, an obtained from Elder Al-

fred H. Hart, and it is evident that the Sentinel has treated the subject justly, and for public information rather than in a spirit of detraction. The cause appears to be prospering in Wisconsin, end it is gratifying to note the differ-

ence in the tone of leading newspapers in regard to the "Mormon" missionaries, to that of bygone times. It is a good sign and we appreciate the pleasant change.

AN HONEST ORGANIZATION.

An organization of farmers has been incorporated at Indianapolis, and it is expected it will spread all over the Union. According to press reports its object is to direct its efforts toward the improvement of the soil and advancement of scientific agriculture. It will also encourage the building of elevators and cold storage warehouses by the farmers in all localities where necessary to hold farm products for advantageous prices. But the main purposes of the society are to encourage prohibition of

the improvement of highways and the irrigation of land and to encourage the settlement of disputes without recourse

to law. A society with such objects in view deserves encouragement, provided it is conducted in a practical manner. Generally people bind themselves together for the purpose of, through legislaive or other means get the best of their fellowmen in the shape of monopolistic prices. But here is an agricultural organization that aims at the betterment of the soil and the improvement of the methods of utilizing it, as well as honesty in the preservation of food for the market. Success to an association with such

aims and purposes. "HARDENED" CHILDREN.

Some people have an idea that children can be "hardened" to cold and damp weather and thus he made to endure severities of climate more than they otherwise would do. At one time the idea was quite prevalent. The probability is that by the hardening process the physically weak were killed off. If while the strong survived, and thus the his pound of flesh. conclusion was hastily jumped at, that tacked Castro. Surely their hatred for the strength of the survivors was due him must far exceed their love of counto the hardships endured. At least this appears probable from try. statistics on the subject recently given It is hardly probable that Commander by a Carlsbad doctor before a medical McNally's offense is more than that of society, and quoted in The Literary Dichanging his politics once more, this gest. They relate to 60 children, of whom 25 had been "hardened" during time to revolutionist. their first year, 7 later, and the rest The native constabulary assisted by not at all. A distinction is made benumerous municipal presidents are runtween mild "hardening" by daily cool ning down the bandits in the Philipplunge or sponge baths, and severe pines. The latest advices are that they "hardening" by cold shower-baths or are still running. other cold-water treatments oftener Harvard leads all American instituthan once a day. Says the doctor: tions of learning in the number of stu-"Great liability to colds was shown by 31 per cent of the unhardened, 38 per cent of the mildly, and 63 per cent of the severely 'hardened." Of severely dents. She is getting to be of the size of a medieval university, which is the only bit of medievalism about her. hardened young infants, 73 per cent were very liable to colds. The effect Really Tolstol must be very ill, for he on the nervous system was favorable in requests that no press notices of his 2, unfavorable in 4 cases of mild hard-ening; favorable in 4 and unfavorable health be made. How different this in 8 cases of severe hardening. Of 15 children hardened when older than two from the budding genius who is writing immortal works for futurity! years, 7 exhibited abnormal nervous irritability, while of those not hardened Of course the California orange grow. not one was either excessively boisterers will not rejoice that the Florida orous or abnormally excitable. 'Fifty ange crop has been ruined by frost, but three per cent of the unhardened and the mildly hardened infants passed they will not send any message of contheir first year in perfect health, but only 19 per cent of the severely hardendolence lest they should be charged ed developed into perfectly healthy with hypocrisy. children, while 66 per cent underwent severe illnesses which left them more Commander Schroeder could decree or less permanent invalids Adenoid and enforce prosperity for the natives growths (hypertrophy of the tonsils) appeared in 20 per cent of the unhardof Guam but he seems impotent to decree and enforce it for the official adened, in 30 per cent of the mildly hardened, and in 40 per cent of the severery hardened. Other consequences of ex-cessive hardening were anemia, neurasministration of the island. If Castro could show how (as he thenia, loss of appetite, crying at night, chronic bowel diseases, and lessened did to his own satisfaction) Germany's ultimatum was not an ultimat-

only one-fourth was found in the churches, on that day. Of the attendants more than one-half were women, one-fifth children and only one-quarter men. Not much more than one-half was

mation.

That shows that church going is at a low ebb, and especially among men. And this we believe, is one of the significant signs of the present time. When the world abandons the places of worship and perhaps discards the timehonored rules of ethics, a new era must be at hand. It was thus in Rome, before the ascendancy of Christianity. It was thus in Europe before the Refor-

SOULS OR DOLLARS.

As has been noticed in these columns, the American Methodists commenced the new century by an effort to raise \$20,060,000 for church purposes, as a twentleth century thank offering. It is now said that the fund has been raised, and the fact will be officially announced on the 31st of this month, at midnight by Dr. Mills in the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church in Springfield, Mass., the place from which the first call for the movement emanated. Of the total amount \$7,850,000 will be devoted to educational purposes, eighty-six institutions being the beneficiarles. Eight

millions will go toward the wiping out of church debts, while \$1,500,000 will be used for the relief of superannuated

preachers. At the time the call for twentieth century money went forth, we believe the suggestion was also made that some millions of souls be won for Methodism. We have seen no reports as to the success of this part of the work, beyond the regular statistics, which by no means indicate a special pouring out of the spirit of revival. The inference is that it has been easier to raise money than to "save" souls. But is not the 'offering" rather poor, notwithstanding the magnificent sum of money, if it cannot be shown that it is from a harvest of souls, rather than dollars?

Earthquakes make Russia tremble more than anarchism does.

The Steel trust absorbs independent plants like a sponge absorbs water.

That Venezuelan arbitration scheme was not made in Germany but in Washington.

The great trouble with New Year's resolutions is that they are generally allowed to lie on the table.

That wreck on the Grand Trunk was quite up to the American standard in the number of killed and wounded. Fitzsimmons evidently believes in

keeping the ball rolling. He knocked his manager, Clark Ball, out in Butte.

The Guatemalan discontents may possibly have received some comfort from Consul McNally, but aid, no never, not even hardly ever.

There must have existed a beef trust in Venice else Shylock would never have been so insistent upon receiving

impossible at certain hours of the day for anyone to use these public vehicles without being forced into ciose and often shameful contact with other ocoften shameful contact with other oc-cupants, whereby the mothers, wives ad daughters of this community are constantly subjected to secret and dis-graceful personal insult, degradation and humiliation which they are pow-erless to avoid." On this phase of the crowded cars the appeal of the Mer-chants' association lays chief stress.

New York World.

The ladies of the Passengers' Rights association started to crusade for better car service-for the best possible car service. But it is no longer an affair of a single society. 'The Merchants' association has put in its strong hand. All the local improvement bodies have joined the movement. The Borough presidents and the mayor are with the crusaders. The railroad commissioners are astir. The governor of the state has responded to a personal appeal and will direct the attorney-general to set official inquiries on foot. And back of the host of official and organized work-ers for reform stands the army-unor-ganized, but wrathful and powerful-

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New York Mail and Express. Already the anticipated "non pos-sumus" comes from the railroad com-panies. But their attention is respect-tions: From President Cantor, "The board of aldermen can enact the nec-essary legislation, and if the railroad companies disregard it, we can go after their franchises;" from Comptroller Grout, "It would be a good idea to put this matter right up to the state rail-road commissioners;" from Mr. King, "If we can secure reform in no other way we will insist on the passage by the legislature of a 'no seat, no fare' bill."

New York Evening Sun.

That a man should have been jostled and robbed yesterday on a crowded surface car is not surprising. The ele-vated and street railroads afford the professional thieves of this city such opportunities as they never enjoyed before. Those who have to travel at the rush hours should leave their val-uables at home and put their money where the light fingered can't get at it. A citizen emerged from the crush at Forty-second street the other night Forty-second street the other night with both coats slit and his pocketbook gone. Such cases are common. Those who are robbed, realizing the futility of seeking redress, grin and bear it. As long as the companies are permitted to pack the elevated trains and the street cars this sort of thing will continue.

THE ENDOWED THEATER.

Baltimore Sun.

Uncle Sam and Mr. Carnegie would wake a strong team of "elevators," but even they may find it impossible to purify the drama and make the public patronize only such plays as are "best for its temperamental, social and ethi-cal interests." Before Uncle Sam and his "angel." Mr. Carnegie, can reform the stage they may discover that it is necessary to work a revolution in hu-man nature. That is a task which does not seem to have been possible of ac-complishment in any age. Still, money works marvels, and a man with several hundred millions of dollars may be able to persuade the public, at his expense, that its tastes are not as refined as they should be.

New York Mail and Express.

We confess that we have our doubts of the efficacy of this proposed method of getting the people to take the play more seriously, of reaching and influ-encing great masses of human life with great ideas. We can understand the endowed theater as an influence to keep in remembrance the classic mod-



THE ARBITRATION QUESTION

President Roosevelt's declination to act as arbitrator in the Venezuela trouble, is said to be disappointing to Germany, but there are excellent reasons why the questions involved should be submitted to The Hague tribunal, instead of to a commission appointed by the President.

One of these is this, that if the presidential decision should be that Vene. zuela must pay the claims, our government could not protest, if the allies proceeded to collect them, if Venezuela were slow in paying. then make war They could upon the country in earnest, land troops, take custom houses, levy tributes, and hold territory as security. But the trouble with this arrangement would be that it might some time be necessary for this country to force the allies to leave the country, since they generally are not in a hurry to evacuate territory in which they have obtained a foothold on some pretext or another. Witness the British occupation of Egypt, or the French aggression in Siam. It is much better not to encourage the occupation of territory on any pretext at all, to avoid future complications, and our government is entirely free to act as shall seem best to it, when the arbitration and the accompanying responsibility are not accepted by the President.

Another reason is equally plain. Venezuela is not the only American country in debt to Europe. According to figures given by the New York World. the Argentine Republic has a debt of more than \$500,000,000, the annual inof her population, and the payment of it absords nearly 40 per cent of its total revenue. Brazil's debt amounts to \$4\$0,000,000, bearing interest at from 4 to 6 per cent, the receipts of her custom houses being pledged to European bondholders. Chile's debt of \$113,000,000, bearing interest at 412 to 6 per cent, is similarly secured. Uruguay (population \$40,000) owes over \$100,000,000. Honduras owes almost as much with a population of about 400,000, and has paid no interest thereon to her creditors-Europeans, most of them-since 1872. Peru is wholly in pawn to her European creditors. In 1890, having paid them no interest for fourteen years, she agreed that she owed them \$265,000,000, though her total population is but 5,000,000. It is therefore quite probable that the

Venezuela episode is but a prologue to a series of similar proceedings, and it cannot be desirable for this country to place itself in a position of moral and inancial sponsor for the entire south. un continent.

AIR R PORT.

The Milwaukee Sentinel, in a recent ue, devotes considerable space to an int of the work of "Mormon" misa in Wisconsin. It gives good

power to withstand disease in general." CHURCH GOING IN LONDON.

Statistics have been produced to prove that the "germ of laziness"-accepting Dr. Stiles' theory- has taken possession of so many church goers in this country that many churches in the large cities are not half filled with worshipers. Chicago and New York have thus been held up to public gaze. Now it is the turn terest charge being over \$7 per capita of London, and it appears that the conditions in the British capital are not shuch different from those in the great American centers of population. The London News has taken a census and found this to be the fact.

> In the whole of London there are, it cems, about seven hundred churches and towards six hundred mission churches or chapels of the Church of England, and about eight hundred classed an "Nonconformists," including fifty Roman Catholic. The census of church attendance in Hampstead and Kensington was of only 134 churches and chapels and missions, sixty-five Anglican and sixty-nine or other hurches and religious societies. The figures for one day, Sunday, Nov. 30, are as follows:

Reptist missions..... 4.348 teman Catholies 9,709

Church of England ...

That is to say that of a total popula-

pose to introduce a bill in the Legislature to cure the drink evil. May success crown their efforts! And now a bill has been introduced into the Virginia legislature to prohibit kissing the Bible in courts of justice. Recently a bill was introduced in the same body forbidding people to kiss

um, he should be able to offer an hum-

ble apology to the Kaiser that wouldn't

So great is the faith of some people

in the power of legislation to cure any

and all evils that some good souls pro-

be an apology at all.

one another, notwithstanding that they are bidden to greet one another with a kiss of charity. The Virginia grandfathers were not so averse to kissing.

So it seems that the allies enterained the idea that if Mr. Roosevelt acted as arbitrator a guaranty of the award would go with the decision. It was a finely laid scheme but very neatly blocked. All along the attempt, in one form or another, has been made to have the United States guarantee to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the Venezuelan creditors. In vain

Sam. FOR PASSESGERS' RIGHTS.

The Merchants' association of New York has issued a circular of protest 436 against the overcrowding on the various transit systems of the city, and with it a petition to the mayor, which the citizens are urged to sign. The petition not only lays upon the corportions the discomforts arising from their failure to provide cars enough to seat passengers properly and to re-strict the number in each car, but in portraits of Apostie A. O. tion in those two borrows of 589,570, | contains this amazing sentence: "It is

els of the past for the instruction of the choicer minds, and as a school for The Venezuelan rebels have again atactors. It may be well worth while to endow a house in this metropolis for those very purposes. But the signifi-cant, the vital, the emotional, in its eference to popular woes and wishes and hopes, will probably be taken care of better by the unendowed theater than they ever could be by an endowed

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The leading article in Leslie's Monthly for January is by Commodore Peary on "Hunting Over the Great Ice." The article is illustrated by some very remarkable photographs. There are eight short stories in this number, including one by Robert Barr, another Glengarry tale by Ralph Connor and a delightful story for children by Anna Hamilton Yeaman, "The Amethyst Box," Anna Katherine Green's detective story comes to an end this month. "The Great American Barnyard" is a comprehensive and fully illustrated article on the enormous poultry industry of the United States. There is also a short sketch of the celebrated Dr. Lorenz and a study of Joseph Chamberlain, by an Irish member of Parliament. The amusing short stories and verses of the Marginalia department are better than usual this month.-Fifth Avenue, New York.

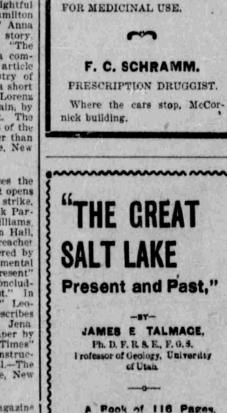
The January Arena commences the 29th volume of that magazine. It opens with a symposium on the coal strike. The contributors are Prof. Frank Par-The contributors are Prof. Frank Par-sons, the Hon. George Fred Williams, Eltweed Pomeroy, M. A., Bolton Hall, and Ernest H. Crosby, "The Preacher as a Leader of Men," is considered by the Rev. Otto L. Dreys. "Fundamental Fraternal Movements of the Present" is the title of Editor Flower's conclud-ing namer on "The Diving Owert". In paper on "The Divine Quest." Unique Labor Experiment," pold Katscher, of Budapest, describes the great Zeiss institution at Jena "Labor and the Trusts" is a paper by E. S. Wicklin. "Topics of the Times" and "Books of the Day" are instructive and entertaining, as usual .- The Alliance Pub. Co., Fifth Avenue, Nev York.

The novel in Lippincott's Magazine for January is "The New Heloise," by Mrs. Schuyler Crowninshield. In this there is a young probationer behind wills seeking refuge in priestly garb from a distasteful marriage arranged by a too zealous stepmother. But he is not destined for such a life, and love is waiting for him in the form of a French girl. Edgar Fawcett's story 'The Resurrection of Edith." is a nove plot. There are two western tales: one by E. Boltwood called "A Bivouac de Luxe," and one by H. Giovannoil called 'A Bull Mountain Pastoral." These are a few of the many stories in this num-ber. J. G. Rosengarten's paper of "Franklin in Germany" is pleasing and instructive. "English Wives and American Housekeeping" are subjects which Mrs. M. E. Leicester Addis discusses. Poets who appear in the Janu-ary number are Edwin L. Sabin, Will'am Hurd Hillyer, Ruth Hall, Char-lotte Pendleton and others.-Philadel-phia.

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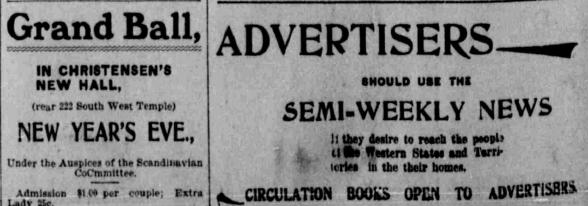
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