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#### THE GREAT WATER PROJECT.

One feature of the plan presented to the national authorities by Messrs, F. S. Richards and A. F. Doremus for a grand scheme of irrigation for Utah, is the provision for government inspection and survey for the proposed reservoirs, canals and waterways and their sources of supply. All this preliminary work, necessary to determine the practicability of the measure in its several details, is to be performed by experts at government expense.

It is to cost the people here nothing, even if they do not avail themselves of the benefits of the work, by acceptcome from his hands. The law reads Section 1. That Section 214 of the Revised Statutes of Utah 1898 is amend-

ed to read as follows to wit: "The Mayor, by and with the advice and consent of the council may appoint all appointive officers and agonts that may be provided for by law or ordin-ance, and may likewise fill all vacancles among the same except as otherwise provided by law. Provided that elective officers shall have the sole right to appoint all their deputies and as-sistants, who shall be confirmed by the

City Council. Section 2. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

### Approved March 20, 1899."

It will be seen that this gives to the Mayor the appointing power, not only for the heads of departments but for their subordinates or agents. Of course they are all subject to approval, or otherwise, by the City Council. But the appointment of agents or employes in the several departments has usually been exercised by the heads of those departments instead of by the Mayor. As there appears to be a disposition to cripple the city's executive, to block his way and to usurp his authority, it will be just as well for all concerned to understand the law in relation to these matters, and for the Mayor to use the authority vested in him thereby.

There is a nice point to look at in connection with this bestowal of authority. A special provision was made by legislation in 1899 as to subordinates in the Police and Fire departments. The head of each of those departments was authorized by\* Chapter 28 to appoint subordinates, by and with the advice and consent of the City Council and approval of the Mayor. But the date of the approval of that chapter is March 9, 1899. The statute we have copied above was approved March 20, 1899. In section one it amends section 214 of the Revised Statutes of 1898, But section two repeals all acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act. Does it not therefore repeal the parts of the act of March 9 of the same year, which put the appointment of subordinates in the hands of the heads of the Police and Fire departments?

One clause in the first section of the act of March 20, may seem to save the provision of the act of March 9 which conflicts therewith, but that is open to question, and the City Attorney will doubtless consider it in all its bearings. The intent as well as the letter of the law is of course to be determined, in a full and fair investigation. One thing in this connection is sure; a city ordinance that conflicts with a State statute is void, and this also is a matter that needs looking into,

Be that as it may, it is clear that the Mayor is authorized by the act of March 20, 1899, to appoint not only the appointive officers at the heads of other departments, but also their agents or subordinates, the City Council to approve or disapprove as in other cases. It is right for the Mayor and the council to counsel together on such matters and agree if possible as to all such appointments, but it is not right for a faction of that body, or the entire council, to nominate officers, or to browbeat or designate to the Mayor what he must do or not do to placate them or yield to their conspiracies. We suggest to the city authorities not

82 degrees north latitude is in a state of strange agitation, Theories may be framed to account for such, and other facts, but the truth cannot be known for certain, without actual investiga-

tion. If there is a Polar continent, its forms of life must necessaryly be strange, conforming to the extremes of temperature that must prevail there. In Alaska, where the longest day is 21 hours, and the sun's rays fall on earth with so little interruption, the mercury often soars to 120 degrees. In the winter, when the day lasts only three hours, mercury sometimes freezes. What will

the extremes of temperature be where the sun's rays fall on the land for months without interruption, and where again they are not seen for months? Possibly the explorers in the highest latitudes will be in danger of perishing by heat, in the hottest summer months -a contingency which, so far, has not been much considered.

## OPPRESSION DESTRUCTIVE

Russia's best sailors are from Finland and the Baltle provinces, but the Russian government has alienated the Finns to such an extent that it is doubtful whether their services are available in the present war. In Finland the feelings between the Russians and the Finns are now so strained that they avoid one another in business as well as in social gatherings. No selfrespecting Finn will have anything to do with a Russian. A correspondent of the Boston Transcript, writing from Helsingfors, says that if a Russian goes into a store and orders a certain article -the store happens to be out of supply! If he goes to a hotel-all the rooms are taken. If he wants to hire a house -it is already let. There is a case on record where a Russian official had contrived to get an avaricious Finn to hire a certain house with privileges of subletting it. When the Russian official

moved into the house the landlord vigorously protested against it. He would have no Russian in his house. He was shown the contract which he had signed-whereupon, in order to oust the Russian, he went and sold the house for a sum far below its real value. Russia had no truer, no more faith-

ful, subjects in all her vast domain, than the Finns. In the Turkish war they gave the very best account of themselves. Russia has now forged the links of slavery around the Finnish people. As slaves they will not fight her battles. Even if compelled to fill a place in the ranks, behind the guns, on

land or sea, their usefulness will not be equal to that of free men and patriots. Russia is already, in this war, reaping the harvest of the oppression she has planted in Finland's soil. Destruction is the logical result of oppres. sion.

A WELL LIGHTED CITY.

enough to do to look after her affairs in the Far East.

International law seems to be approaching Blackstone's famous definition. "A law is a rule of conduct imposed by the superior and which the inferior is bound to obey."

It is to the credit of Virginia that a negro brute who outraged and murder. ed a white woman is to be legally hanged. Her example should be followed by every state in the south.

The Czar was very loth to accept the principle of Secretary Hay's note until he saw that the great powers accepted it almost with gusto. He hesitated, fearing there was a colored gentleman in the wood plie. But there wasn't.

"Daily stories of the struggle in Korea, Manchuria and Japan will call attention to the material resources and geographical position of those countries, which will be remembered long after the articles of peace are signed. All such necessary information could be gained from consular reports, but readers demand an exciting story to render impressions lasting just as they incline to the historical novel to fix in mind the facts of history," says the Los Angeles Express. Admitting that roast pig is delicious still it is not necessary to burn . whole town to get it.

STEAKING OF THE NEAR EAST.

#### Milwaukee Wisconsin.

When Mont Pelee was in violent eruption, and destroyed the city of St. Plerre, volcances in other and distant parts of the earth began to "behave." Will the outbreak of hostilities in the vicinity of the Yellow Sea set loose dy-namic forces in the netghborhood of the Balkans? Last fall it was predicted that trouble would break out at one end or the other of the widespread Russian empire, and speculation was The rife as to which end it would be. chances for a time seemed to favor an eruption in the vicinity of the Black Sea, but though there was a good deal of smoke and some fire there, a crisis was averted. This was partly due to the onset of winter. How will it be in the spring? The fact that Russia has her hands full with Japan may act as a stimulus to some of the belliger-ents, who do not lack other incentives.

## Pueblo Chieftain.

It seems little short of pure insanity for the Christian population of Bul-garia to try conclusions with their tyrants at this time, but past events have repeatedly "how much the showh wretched dare." As for the Turks, it would not be at all surprising if they would welcome the opportunity to teach a lesson to their rebellious sub-jects without fear of Russian interfer-However that may be, the smouldering embers seem coming to a blaze very rapidly and Europe recognizes the necessity for prompt action. According to one dispatch, it has been

proposed to make Roumania an agent of Europe and to send the Roumanian rmy into Bulgaria to occupy that

# YOU DON'T BUY HARDWARE

With the same frequency that you buy groceries, and if you buy the wrong kind you have bought a trouble that lasts a long time.

The essential thing about buying hardware then is to know that it is good. That brings you here, for the least skillful buyer can come here and be sure that what is bought IS good, BEGAUSE-we make it good.

## Starrett's Fine Tools For Mechanics

are worthy of the most careful investigation by good mechanics who realize the value of good tools. We have other kinds and grades of tools, Builders' Hardware, Disston Saws, Nails, Blacksmith Bellows and Tools, Picks and Shove's, Bar Iron, Steel, Pipe and Fittings, Iron Roofings, Garden Tools, Stoves and Ranges, Galvanized Ware. Our HARDWARE DEPARTMENT can supply your every need at lowest prices consistent with good quality.



ing the terms under which the actual improvements are to be made, for which they would have to reimburse the government in the way and the time provided for.

It will be seen, therefore, that by securing these preliminary surveys, an immense advantage will be obtained for this State and a great saving of expense will be the consequence, with the assurance of competent and certain determination of the feasibility of the plans and of the probable cost of the enterprise. The people who will gain the good to come from this arrangement, should duly appreciate the efforts of the gentlemen who devised the measure and pressed it upon the at tention of the national authorities.

been consequent upon a supposed inflood waters of the Snake river, through a canal to increase the flow into the Great Salt Lake by way of Bear River. This is not to be confounded with the grand scheme of irrigation herein alluded to. That part of the latter which contemplates an increase of the flow of Bear river, proposes a canal from the BBlackfoot branch, and not from the Snake river proper, and contemplates the use for

The reported scheme for the diversion of the Snake, is a separate matter, and no one need be alarmed even about cannot be infringed, and it is only the flood waters, at a time when no in jury could accrue to prior rights, that are asked for in the measure that has been talked about, and is not connected with the comprehensive scheme that the departments at Washington that

In view of what may be accomplished as to Utah lake in connection with

In a recent article on this page we Mayor and the City Council as to apthe initiative in all appointments to nominations, nor to dictate to the Mayor whom he shall appoint, nor to "give him" certain offices and retain so many, as argued by a changeable con-

We now call attention to the further application of the statute which we be an opinion. We fear that the former attorney has overlooked several important matters, and we are doubtful whether it is safe to rely upon the re-

We give place to the following from a citizen who knows what he is talking about and who voices the opinion of many other fair and conservative bona fide residents who are not chronic "knockers:"

"Salt Lake City, February 18, 1904.

'Editor Deseret News: "I read, with a great deal of admira-



There are three hundred cases of ty-

A writer in the London National Re-

Mayor McClellan has written a history of "The Oligarchy of Venice." It should be supplemented with one on "The History of Tammany." In St. Petersburg the belief is growing that Admiral Alexieff hasn't the capacity to conduct the war successfully.

Russia is preparing to threaten the Indian frontier. To a looker on in Vien-

country in order to prevent Bulgarian insurrection and Turkish reconquest. But as Roumania is a smaller power than Bulgaria, the job would seem to be a pretty dangerous one for her to tackle, irrespective of what Turkey might have to say about the matter.

#### The Speaker,

The strange thing is that both the parties in the struggle foretold in the vould feel at once relieved from the main apprehension which has hitherto stayed her hand from striking in defense of her kinsmen in Macedonia. With army and navy both occupied with Korea, it is at least less probable that Russia would take the extreme and dreaded step of seizing the Bul-garian ports on the Black Sea and de-claring a suzerainty over the whole province. Thus it is that both sides look forward with hope to Russia's temporary disappearance from the Balkans and, in case of war, each expects to fight without constraint.

by the agents of the Indian govern ment, who succeeded in inducing cer-tain shelks to rise against the sultan. The porte, getting wind of these maneuvers, Immediately concentrated 20, 000 men at Confonda, and All Pacha commenced negotiations with the rebel lious shelks in order to win them back to the cause of the sultan. These ne-gotiations have ended in a very satis to the proposition that an inquiry be opened for the purpose of establishing the degree of responsibility which must be borne by each rebelling tribe. Thus the prestige of the porte is completely saved and the sultan in no wise com-promises with the rebels.

