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### PROTESTS AND OPINIONS.

While large bodies of inconsiderate ladies in the East are protesting against Senator Smoot, under the mistaken and absurd notion that they are standing for "protection of the home," we notice that a number of conservative public journals are taking a constitutional and common-sense view of the question that confronts the United States Senate.

The agitation is remarkable when the character of the real agitators is taken into consideration. Of course it is no definite answer to broad charges, to show that those who prefer them and excite the public to fury are unworthy of credence, and indeed of association with decent people, but that fact serves to show how popular fury can be aroused, particularly when religious intolerance is brought into action, by the ADULTERATED CONDIMENTS. The report of analyses made by Chemist Harms, of eleven different samples of catsups or "ketchups" in common use, as furnished by State Food Inspector Heiner and published in the Deseret News of Wednesday evening, is startling and unpleasant. It should be noted that "ALL the samples contained deleterious ingredients." Some of them were found to be colored with aniline, or coal-tar, dyes. ALL of them had iodine and either benzoic or salicylic acid. There was no exception to the latter conclusion. It is useless for any manufacturer or dealer in eithor of the brands investigated, to pretend that it is "free from harmless ingredients." Attempts to do go are deceptive and draw attention to the fact that the vaunted catsup is among the class condemned for its impurities.

It is a matter of surprise and regret that two "home-made," that is Utah, catsups are on the list of adulterated samples. If there is any spot of earth where foods and flavorings might be expected to be pure it is in this state. Of course the ingredients discovered by the chemist are added to the tomatoes by way of coloring and taste, and are therefore found only in small quantities. And further the catsup is not used as food so much as for a condiment, and therefore is not eaten in large bulk. But, nevertheless, it should be free from adulteration of any kind, and if not, is open to condemnation.

Under the laws of 1903 an article is to be deemed adulterated, in the case of ! they should be in charge of competent food or drink, if it contains any poison- persons. Let us have a civilized Fourth ous ingredient or any ingredient which may render such article injurious to the health of the person consuming it. The penalty for infraction of the law against food and drink adulterations is a fine of not less than ten, nor more than one hundred dollars. It is said to be the intention of the inspector to proceed against the dealers in these articles. It is within his powers and his duties to do so when they are aware of the adulterations. But it appears to us that the manufacturers are the guilty parties, and they should be proceeded against rather than the dealers who simply buy the bottled stuff by whole. sale, and retail it as it comes to them in the regular course of business. In either case these adulterations should be followed up, and if there is no national law to meet the evil, congressionat legislation should be had without delay.

THE MAYOR IS RIGHT.

The Mayor is undoubtedly right in directing the suppression of the announced "bull-fight" in this city. It would be against the law. It is strange that the Chief of Police did not know that. And it is equally strange that he gave his consent and support to the show without consulting the Mayor in relation to it. Of course he is a new hand at the helm, but every such offleer should understand that the Mayor is the Chief Executive of the city, and that the police department is under his direction. The Mayor is legally and morally right in the stand he has taken. There are many good people here who felt scandalized at the idea that such so-called "sport" would be permitted in this community. They will be now much relieved and other folks need not feel disappointed, for the affair was evidently to be a mere imitation or sham affair, anyhow. It is all right that the show is "off."

little early to talk about the Fourth of July, but if legislation is to be seenred for the purpose mentioned, it is not too early to take the necessary preliminary steps. The movement for the abolishment of the deadly to, pistol, and other weapons of destruction, as parts of the Independence day paraphernalla, should be general. It has been proved by statistics that every Fourth of July more persons are killed and injured through the careless handling of fire arms and fire-crackers, than in a small modern battle. It is not necessary to have so many human sacrifices in this country every year. Last year there were over 400 deaths in the country from tetanus due to the toy pistol and other dangerous playthings. Of serious accidents there were nearly ten times as many. The rate seems to be enlarging each year. It is about time that a check was put

upon this sacrifice to Moloch. Besides, the celebration of the nation's day by noise and fire is hardly worthy a civilized people. It is as barbarous in conception, as it is dangerous in its consequences. It helps to foster hoodlums and hoodlumism, and that is one of the strongest arguments against it. Civilization is hardly skin deep anyhow, and nothing that will rub it off, should be tolerated. The independence of this country was a world-event, well worthy of celebration and commemora. tion. But it should be remembered by music, song and historical lectures; by social parties, patriotic dramas, or other civilized methods. If fire works and salutes of guns are to be added.

A WEALTHY SOCIETY.

of July, or none,

An attack has recently been made on the American Bible society, on the ground that it pays its officers too large salaries; that it has a larger income than it needs, and that, notwithstanding this, it is sollicting subscriptions. The controversy is of no particular interest to the majority of the readers of the "News," but the figures presented prove that the distributing of Bibles has become a large business. They are given by the Rev. Philip S. Moxon, quoted by the Worcester Spy. He says that four officers receive a salary of \$5,000 each. The amount charged to office expenses alone is \$38,062, while the total cost of the much advertised house-to-house work among 10,000,000 colored people has been \$3,655 out of the year's reported receipts of \$412,406. He further says:

"A final question is, 'Can it be true that the American Bible society is needing any increase of its present yearly receipts, when for many it has not used its income?" The years The annual report (1903, page 32) shows available funds to the amount of nearly \$900,000 which the society did not use last year, while the year before nearly \$159,000 was carried over (Report, 1902, page 10); besides, the Report for 1903 (page 32) shows a total of \$635,613 of invested funds-'trust funds.' For more than 20 years I am informed, there has not been in the annual reports any

safe from the Sunset Limited seems to have been: "Haul's well that ends well.

The House having passed the pure food bill, there will never again be any more impure food offered for sale. Well, hardly ever.

The Iroquois club of Chicago will father a presidential boom for General Miles. Has not the name Iroquois been connected, of late, with some great disaster?

There are nine hundred applicants for a vacant pastorate in Brooklyn that pays ten thousand a year. There wouldn't be nine if it paid but a hundred a year.

"Reed Smoot on the rack." says the Worcester Spy. The auto da fe spirit of three centuries ago is precisely the one that prompts those who today are trying to put "Reed Smoot on the rack."

Of course the train robbers who stole the safe from the Southern Pacific express car near San Luis Obispo didn't get eighty thousand dollars or anything like it. It was only a "Sunset Limited" amount.

"Illiteracy is, after all, a mere accident," says a writer in the Boston Pilot. An accident of birth, for as Dogberry says: "To be a well favored man is the gift of fortune; but to write and read comes by nature."

The new schools in Switzerland all have a part of their lower floors given over to bath-rooms. Each pupil is made to take a bath once in two weeks and soap is given them for the ordeal. The Swiss are such a cleanly people. Such a requirement in this country would be looked upon as cruelty to animals.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Louisville Herald. Kentucky is for the canal and for the withdrawal of all foolishness that would make its construction incidental to the purposes of any political party or partisan leadership

New York American.

Build an interoceanic canal. That is the mandate of the American people. Any canal rather than no canal; the Panama route, if that is the only route to be had-that is their position. What is to be the position of the Democratic party in Congress? No American who has respect for right and regard for the national honor can approve of what the Roosevelt administration has done at International law has been Panama. ignored, a treaty obligation broken, a statute of the United States defied, cession encouraged and every Latin-American country in the hemisphere made to feel fear and hatred of this re-public. And these things have been done not under the impulsion great national necessity, or even to secure the best route for a waterway tween the oceans, but to get the route which represents greedy private interests, and in its financial aspect is nothing better than a gigantic job.

Butte Miner.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

passed resolutions

velt's Panama canal policy.

come an accomplished fact?

guaranty of the payment of a

Boston Transcript.



bold utterances of male and female persons, utterly unreliable and hired to perform the parts of Ananias and Sapphira. We pity the good women who are thus deceived; we abhor the creatures who engage in the work that even Satan despises while they are tools for his purpose.

We have copied a number of fair comments from newspapers in different parts of the country, which show that they are not swayed by the irrational furore that is raging in sectarian circles. And while on some points they entertain mistaken views as to the attitude and influence of the Mormon Church in reference to the main subject, they take a clear view of the political situation. We clip to-day the following. The first is from George's Weekly of Denver:

"Senator Reed Smoot of Utah is getting decidedly the best of the combi-nation that is trying to oust him at Washintgon. We know Senator Smoot personally and we have visited him in his home. He loved but one woman and he married that woman, and he has a most delightful family. If other senators can show as good a record for decency and virtue as Smoot can, the nation is to be congratulated. The ministers and the women who are leading this fight against Smoot are No aiding, rather than injuring him. reputable minister would be identified with so contemptible a scheme and so far as the women are concerned. we believe they have been imposed upon by some one or have allowed their general hatred for polygamy to warp their judgment."

The Cleveland Plain-Dealer of Jan. 18 says, editorially:

"It will be unfortunate if the Smoot case now before the senate committee shall be decided by other considerations than those of right and exact justice The point raised is so vital, and in this country-where church and state are presumed to be completely separatedso unique that the question of expediency should not be allowed to enter into

"It is a fact, admitted by Senator Smoot's counsel Saturday, that a member of either branch of Congress can be deprived of his seat for any reason deprived of his seat which a majority of the house may consider satisfactory. Mr. Tayler of Ohio, appearing for some of the contestants, and who added to his fame while in Congress by his conduct of the Roberts case, referred to the senate's right to expel a member, arguing that its power is limited only by the ques-tion of propriety, though it seems as if he did not lose sight of the question of expediency.

"All thus far accomplished by the hearing is to outline the issues on which the case is to be fought. The charge of polygamy seems to have fallen to the ground and the real question is whether or not Mr. Smoot, by reason of his membership and leadership in the Mormon Church, is under obligation to place the Church rulings in temporal matters above the constitution and laws of the land. The case seems certain to result in a close inquiry into the attitude and influence of the Mormon Church in politcal affairs, a ject as to which the country has al-ways been in the dark."

If the suggested inquiry is "close" enough to elicit the truth, and not merely to obtain anti-"Mormon" misinformation, the country will not remain "in the dark" on the subject. Nor need our contemporaries, anywhere, be in that conditon if they will learn what

the "Mormon" Church teaches and its position as to political affairs, from its authorized exponents. How do Republicans like to be judged by the attacks of deep-dyed Democrats, or Democrats by the assaults of strenuous Republicans? If anybody "wants to know," they have no occasion to remain "in the dark."

## THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

The news concerning the British expedition into Tibet is that it is now traveling over unexplored territory. No living European, it is said, has ever gone over that route. The expedition, it is added, is meeting with enormous

difficulties. Of what nature these difficulties are, is not stated. Sven Hedin, when endeavoring to penetrate to the capital of Tibet was simply turned back by force, though treated in a most friendly manner. If the Tibetans are determined upon turning the British expedition back in the same manner, it is sure to meet "enormous transport difficultles," in addition to those natural to the country.

Not very much is known about Tibet and its people. A Buddhist priest claims to have spent two years at the capital, Lhasa, and he gives an account of his experiences. He says that the present ruler, or Dalal Lama, a young air. man of 28, is not merely a tool in the hands of the ministers, but an active ruler, who has taken the government wholly into his own hands, and is endeavoring to reform the civil service by making appointments to office according to the personal merits of candidates, and to put a stop to the bribery. corruption and favoritism at court, We are told further as a positive statement that he has recently concluded a secret treaty with the czar, and that the two rulers have exchanged presents. The czar sent the Dalai Lama three hundred camels loaded with gifts, including many rifles of American manufacture. Another gift was a complete set of the vestments of the Russian-Greek church,

which the Dalai Lama occasionally wears in ignorance of the fact that the Russian religion is not Buddhist. If it is true that no European has

ever penetrated to Lhasa, it would be interesting to know precisely by what means the czar and the Dalai Lama have been able to enter into treatles with one another, and to exchange presents. Perhaps the British expedition will find out just how the czar works. The account says that the emissary of the czar was a Buriat Mongol lama, whose people have always been free to come and go, visit and make pilgrimages about Lhasa. Working through the three tutors of the Dalal Lama, he was received and treated with in 1900.

DANGEROUS EXPLOSIVES.

The various chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, back east, propose to petition Legislatures for the suppression of the toy pistol, cannon cracker and other dangerous explosives, now employed to express Independence Day exuberance. It is a

statement of the value of the real tate owned by the society in the city of New York, and supposed to be worth about a million dollars, or of the value of the property, if any, owned by this society in foreign lands, or of the books or stock on hand. The assets of the society, it appears, amount to more than two millions of dollars. The statement such a society is not rich, and (Report, 1903, page 29) 'is in need of enlarged contributions,' is surely to is surely to be taken in a Pickwickian sense "The above facts may help the aver-

age mind to understand why 'the benevolent receipts of the last year have fallen about \$50,000 below the average for the last 10 years."

## This drilling for oil at Farmington is great bore.

Does Senator Morgan realize that annexation is vexation? It is pleasant to drive a sleigh in a

#### driving snowstorm The snow falls upon the just and upon the unjust alike.

When Colonel Watterson can't pick winners he picks flaws.

The Mayor has forbidden the bullfight. Bully for the Mayor!

Many a man is charged with insanity who is only charged with whisky.

In future B. A. from the University may simply mean bachelor of athletics. Many a presidential boom is born to blush unseen and burst on the desert

Well-boring has begun. May it be but a short time before all will say, Well done.

There is no kicker and carper like the man who hasn't the courage of his convictions.

The cry goes up to save the bathing resorts. If salt can save them they will be saved.

The Peanut trust is scheming to raise the price of peanuts. This is truly peanut politics.

## In trying to do their duty the great majority of Prince Henry's German bullets will miss their mark.

If a man could fall as easily on the ground as the snow does, how much pleasanter it would be!

An active petty jealousy can afford more amusement to non-participants than almost anything else in the world.

The University of Missouri is to have a chair of poultry. Evidently there is a hen on in the University of Missouri.

When Nicholas has finally absorbed Manchuria and Corea will he, like Alexander, sigh for more worlds to conquer?

Having decided that they do not want to go to war, Japan and Russia are now trying to discover a way "how not to do It.'

One great problem in geology has never been solved. It is: Where did the ichthyosaurus get enough fish to feed on?

Springfield Republican. A new complication in the Panama canal question arises in Chicago, where the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredge Engineers and Cranemen of America are in session. These representatives of labor have adopted a new scale of wages for all North and Central American countries,

hostilities.

North and Central American countries, including Panama, and the Panama canal rate they have increased \$50 a month. They also will ask Congress to favor organized labor in the con-struction of the canal. The prospect for an expensive ditch is unmistakable.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

special articles: Michigan, No. 17, in the series of The Story of the States by David S. Barry; the third of Henry George, Jr.'s articles on Modern Meth ods of "Finance," and "Why Shake speare Appeals to Actor and Audience," It contains also two character sketches one of David H. Greer, D.D., New York's New Bishop Coadjutor, and the An American Woman Sculptor, other, by Abby G. Baker-a sketch of Emma Cadwallader Guild, and six short stories: A Cargo of Good Schnapps, the first of a series of the Adventures of the King and Queen of Smugglers, by Halliwell Sutcliffe; Midshipman Leigh, by Richard V. Oulahan: The Verdict of Faro Mountain, by Rex C. Beach: Overheard, by Hayden Church The Luck of the Picaroons, by Gelett Burgess and Will Irwin, and The Abdication of Francis Joseph, another of the Revelations of an International Spy,

by A. V. There are two poems and ome other excellent features .-- Astor Place, New York.

The Red Book for February contains fourteen stories well illustrated, and seventeen photographic portrait studies of various types of beauty. Among the authors who contribute the fiction are M. J. Reynolds, Eugene P. Lyle, Norman H. Crowell, Mary B. Mullett, A. Shackelford Sullivan, Leo Crane Edna Kingsley Wallace, Hayden Car-Clinton Dangerfield, Edgar n. D. H. Talmadre, Ethal ruth. Franklin, D.

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