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THE NEED OF THE HOUR.

The movement which has been com-

menced in this city for the promotion

of home industries, gives promise of

beneficial results to the entire State of

Utah. Manufacturing establishments are

the great need of the times in this

part of the world. We have no doubt

that the project for the manufacture of

glass can be made entirely successful.

The materials are here, the labor is

here, the necessary demand is here, and

all that are now lacking are capital

and skill. The enterprise should be con-

ducted on a large scale. This is a cen-

ter of supply for a vast region. If prices

are reasonable, the demand will be very

great. A small concern would not meet

it, either in quantity or price.

That, however, is but one of the indus-

tries that are needed here. There is

no difficulty in finding employment for

young women, especially if they are

willing to do domestic work. That un-

fortunately does not find favor with the

girls, except in a few instances, and

they prefer clerking in stores or la-

boring for set hours in some manufac-

turing establishment, to living as "help"

in families. Young men and boys, how-

ever, are somewhat at a discount. Avenues

for their profitable employment are

few indeed. Labor with pick and shovel

is not very attractive to most of them,

and unless they live in country dis-

tricts, farming does not offer very

strong inducements to them. If fac-

tories were established, many of them

would be taken from the street corners

and the ranks of idleness, and their en-

ergies and abilities would be turned in

right directions for their own welfare

and for the upbuilding of the com-

munity.

The committee that has been organ-

ized has made a good beginning. Time

will show whether they will exhibit that

perseverance and determination which

are essential to the achievement of the

great purpose in view. Its members

will have to select those kinds of in-

dustries, the establishment of which ap-

pear to be warranted by the condi-

tions. Then they will have to interest

capital to the extent of investing in

these concerns. And further, they will

have to watch over their establishment

and start them on the road to perma-

nency and profit. These are great un-

dertakings, and that committee will

need the support and aid of all people

here who take any interest in the up-

building of the State.

There is one important point to be ob-

served in regard to home industries;

that is, home patronage. Without that

we cannot reasonably look for success.

A number of industries have been start-

ed in Utah which have not received the

encouragement they merited. There is

a disposition on the part of most people

to prefer goods produced at a distance

to those raised or manufactured at

home. Storekeepers have found it

necessary, in order to attract custom-

ers, to mark articles of local produc-

tion with a foreign label. If such

things are supposed to come from Paris

or London or Berlin, or some other Eu-

and shoe manufacture, but have not been able to carry it on in such a large scale as ought to be possible in this center of trade. Flour is an article of permanent home manufacture, and our agricultural products in the main are in satisfactory quantity, but we import eggs, poultry, butter and cheese, ham and bacon, meats of all kinds, canned goods in immense quantities, many many other things which we have not space to mention.

All this ought to be changed. It cannot be done in a moment or in a year, perhaps not in a decade, but the work now started ought to be kept up until Utah produces most of the articles in general demand, and at the same time exports largely articles of her own manufacture. This was the policy marked out more than half a century ago by the great pioneer and colonist, Brigham Young, who saw the possibilities of this great section of the country, and started out himself in the right direction, setting an example for others to follow. It is the need of the hour. It is a good thing, push it along!

A THANKSGIVING CRITIC.

A controversy, which is peculiar, to say the least, has developed about the President's Thanksgiving proclamation. Somebody in Chicago characterizes it as "pagan," because the President, in specifying certain blessings for which, he thinks, the nation ought to be thankful, implies that other experiences in our national life are of a nature not to prompt to gratitude. This, the critic holds, is "paganism." For, the Christian attitude, he argues, is to recognize all the acts of the Lord as good, whether or not they appear so on the surface.

This is of course, true, but the argument is nevertheless an illustration of the fact that even a truth can be employed by sophistry as a means of establishing a wrong conclusion. This is very often attempted, and many are deceived in that way. It should be evident to all who reflect on what they read, that because they are reminded of some special blessings for which to be thankful, they are not asked to forget others. But that kind of reasoning is a sample of much that appears in the daily prints as logic.

From ancient times people were required to set apart certain days of the year in order to commemorate important events. Some were seasons of repentance and atonement; others were times of thanksgiving and rejoicing. The Feast of Tabernacles, for instance, was to remind Israel of the years in which their fathers dwelt in tents in the wilderness, and it was a "feast of ingathering," that is, of fruit and wine, being the termination of the agricultural year. It was the greatest feast of rejoicing of the year, and numerous sacrifices were prescribed as features of the celebration. Splendid ceremonies were added, especially the libation of water and the illumination of the court of the sanctuary. No one, we presume, will characterize the Moslem ceremonial as pagan, because it provided for special days on which to remember special blessings.

The fact is that the observance of Thanksgiving is in itself a proof of the religious needs of the nation. A Catholic publication draws a comparison between the prevailing sentiment here, and in France. In the latter country, that journal says, "the very name of God is now boycotted. It has been erased from the schoolbooks lest the children should be familiar with it. We find in a French exchange an article showing to what extent this has been done. The article gives the alterations that have been made recently in a grammar that is used in the French schools. In every case where the word God occurred some other word has been substituted for it. Thus for the sentence 'God is merciful to sinners' there has been substituted 'Wheat is useful for man.' What would cause a profound sensation in France is accepted as a matter of fact in the United States, and when the President declares that it is eminently proper to set apart a day for praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of good, he but voices the sentiments of his countrymen."

This is true, and we hope the day will never come when the American people forget to acknowledge the Almighty in all things.

RATE WAR IN SIGHT.

Apparently well authenticated reports state that, unless the differences between the Hamburg-American line and the North German Lloyd are adjusted soon, there will be rate war on a most extensive scale. Both these lines have steamships running to the principal ports of the world. All of the other lines in the trans-Atlantic trade and trading to Hamburg and Bremen, would be affected, and the rate across the Atlantic would perhaps be lower than ever before. This would necessarily mean considerable increase in the immigration to this country, especially with the depressed and uncertain conditions prevailing in many countries abroad. But, we presume the companies will consider their own interests and arbitrate rather than continue a policy of strife.

THE ISLE OF PINES.

Secretary Root has effectually put down the Lilliputian rebellion of Americans on the Isle of Pines, by declaring that island to be undepicted Cuban territory, not desired by the United States under any circumstances, and that, consequently the movers in that agitation are liable to the Cuban laws for their actions.

Our government could take no other position on that question. The Americans claim that they settled on the island with the understanding that, by the terms of the treaty of Paris, it became American territory. The fact is, however, that by the treaty signed at Havana, July 2, 1893, the United States relinquished all claim to the Isle of Pines "in consideration of the coaling and naval stations which have heretofore been made to the United States of America by the republic of Cuba." Cuba agreed to lease to us Guantanamo and Bahia Honda, and the United States acknowledged the Isle of Pines to be Cu-

ban territory. This treaty has not been ratified by the United States Senate, but there is no probability that it will be rejected, and that another depriving Cuba of the island, will be adopted.

The Isle of Pines is a small piece of real estate. The whole population has been estimated at 3,000 souls, including all races and nationalities. It is probable that the few Americans there are unfortunately situated among un-enterprising neighbors, and that it would be to their advantage to obtain the safe management of the affairs, but the United States cannot be a party to the furtherance of private ambition. Secretary Root at one time declared that, "the Isle of Pines belongs to Cuba as a matter of right, as a matter of international law and as a matter of justice." The Senate should not delay the ratification of the treaty of Havana. There should be no more misunderstanding as to the ownership of the island.

The turkeys breathe freer now.

The strike of the Russian telegraphers is a dash for liberty.

Russia's state might be described as revolutionary protoplasmic.

Does John A. McCall realize that the people expect him to follow suit?

About all that the Branch autopsy proved was that doctors differ.

The McCurdys can console themselves with reading Ecclesiastes 7, 2.

Senator Burton may not be an ideal senator, but he is a man of convictions.

William Allen White notes an "ominous calm in Kansas." What is the omination?

The postoffice is a little far down but there is comfort in the thought that it is there to stay.

Had her eleven had the record of Yale's eleven, would Columbia have abolished football?

It was a wise provision to put Thanksgiving before instead of after the opening of Congress.

There were one hundred and seventy-two climbers killed in the Alps this year. There still is room at the top.

It looks as though the English Liberals would get after Balfour with a split stick instead of with a sharp one.

Secretary of State Root has sat down hard on the Isle of Pines filibusters. Now they will have to repine instead of rapping.

The Inter-church Conference defines graft to be what the Savior called covetousness. It is more. Graft is covetousness in successful operation.

Senator Smoot has made an appeal to the Commissioner of Indian affairs for aid for the Kanab Indians, who are said to be on the verge of starvation. They seem to be literal descendants of Lo, the poor Indian.

Mr. McCurdy has, it now seems, resigned the presidency of the Mutual. So we take back our take-back about his being in the class of Asarhaddon, Diocletian and Charles the Fifth. To be continued in our next.

The forthcoming presidential message is said to be of unusual length. Many important questions are now before the public, and there will be more interest than usual in learning what the President has to say on these topics.

Vice President Gillette of the Mutual Life Insurance company denied that President McCurdy had resigned. Now the board of directors of the Mutual has accepted his resignation. Evidently McCurdy's right hand doesn't let his left hand know what it is doing.

"When we consider the results in Ohio, Pennsylvania and other states at this year's elections, and other results of equal significance in November of last year, it must be evident that no party can rely upon victory merely on account of the weight of the party name or the strength of the party machine," says the Pueblo Chieftain.

CRAZE FOR PALATIAL FLATS.

Boston Herald.
London has the palatial flat craze. Rent is to be \$15,000, exclusive of taxes and rates. In the new millionaire's flats, as the building on the site of Gloucester house is already called. In this structure there will be all eleven-room suites, with an upward of luxury—a servants' hall! The drawing room and adjoining boudoirs can be thrown together, making a roomy ballroom, and each flat is to have three bathrooms, but unless the greatest precautions are taken to pad the walls and floors, those possible ballrooms will be a nuisance. One might as well live in any old flat, where neighbors pound pianofortes and singing exercises go on all day and night, as to pay \$15,000 rental for this ballroom, servant-hall magnificence.

TOOTHPICKS IN PUBLIC.

Kansas City Journal.
The public use of the toothpick is characteristically American. In no other nation is the vulgar habit of its promiscuous manipulation tolerated by decent people. The toothpick habit is so common in the United States that even in homes of otherwise cultured and well bred people one observes its practice. The very best of cafes and hotels make ostentatious displays of toothpicks, and at meal time one may see a whole lobbyful of people industriously digging at their teeth. We are not fully conscious of the disgust and aversion such a scene arouses in the cultured stranger within our gates. This is one custom that fully justifies the unfavorable meaning implied in the term "American manners."

WHY UNDERTAKE IT?

Punch, London.
A lady doctor, writing to the Daily Chronicle on "Women Workers," makes the following unanswerable statement: "If you come to estimate a day's work—even in foot pounds—the woman who cleans, bakes, washes and takes to school six children, carries water and ramps upstairs and down for sixteen hours a day need not fear comparison as a kinetic energy even with a miner

working eight hours." True; but is all this quite necessary? Could not her children sometimes go to school unaccompanied and unbaiked? And why must she keep on carrying tramps up and downstairs all that time? Is it even fair on these poor unemployed?

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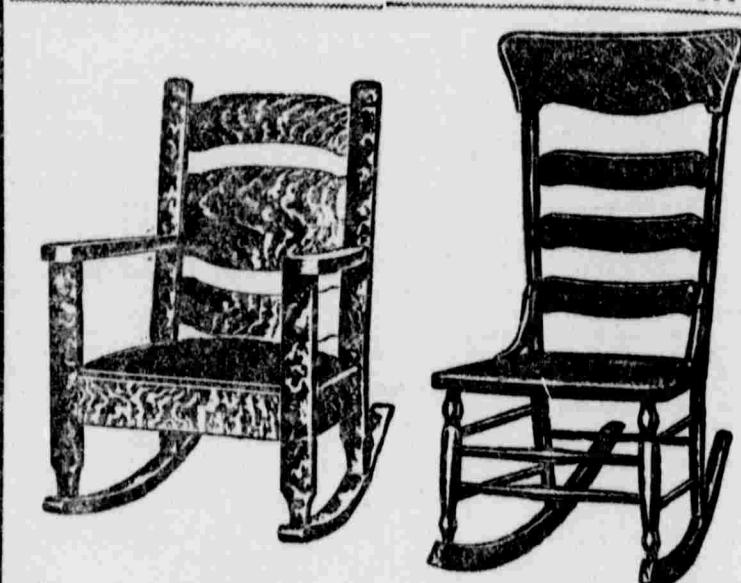
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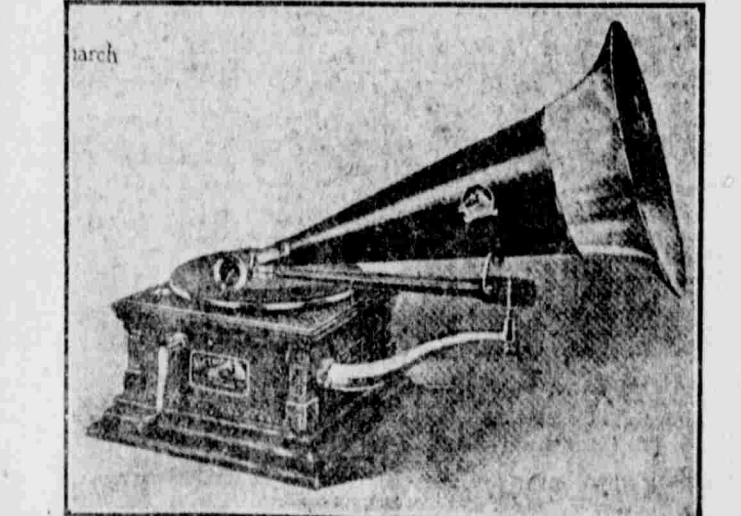
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