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CHURCH INFLUENCE.

Mr. Taft, the president-to-be, is not afraid of church influence in the state. In an address delivered before the Protestant ministers of Augusta, Gu recently, he explained his attitude or this subject. He referred to the mora awakening of the nation, and declared that the clorgymen "must take an important part in moral reform. He referred to the Philippine Islands and our responsibility for the moral advancement of the race "Providence has thrown upon us." "Without the moral influence of the churches there," he said, "we could not accomplish anything."

The speaker explained the attitude of the secular government of the church the State demands prohibition. as follows;

"It is difficult sometimes to explain "It is difficult sometimes to explain to one who has been used to the close union of church and state, such as was preserved in Spain, such as is preserved in some other countries, the real attitude of the American govern-ment toward the church. He assumes that if we separate the church from the state it means that the state does not favor the church. I had the hon-or to represent this country in a transaction of a business character with Leo XIII, at the Vatican, and there I pointed out to him with all the physis possible, that the separation church and state was in the interest the church, and that in America he of the church, and that in America he rould count on the sustaining of the rights of the church and its encour-agement by every legitimate means on the part of the people, without its as-suming any governmental function or having any governmental right, such as it has in other countries. It comes over me every once in a while, when 1 am charged with accomplishing something among the people, how ab-solutely essential it is that we should have the influence of the church be-hind everything that we do."

With this presentation of the case all enlightened American citizens will agree. Church and state are entirely separated in this country. Each has its own distinct functions to perform; each has its own sphere. But they are not separate in the sense that one does not need the other. Both are divine institutions established for the benefit of mankind. Both exist in the same world and both are composed. very largely, of the same individuals. It necessarily follows that the two must come in frequent contact with each other. It is, therefore, necessary that they should work harmoniously together for the furtherance of the welfare of the people. But if political leaders fail to sense their responsibility and perhaps enter into compact 7 of article 13," to read as follows: tion and unrighte it becomes the duty of the churches to lift up their voice in warning. That is the function of religious teachers.

ernment expenses increase, the cost of living increases. The reports show that the cost of maintaining the army and navy has increased during the past decade no less than 250 per cent, The army appropriation of 1897 was \$48,950,-267; that of 1907, \$175,840,542, an increase of 260 per cent. During the same period the navy expenditures have increased from \$34,581,546 to \$118,037,079, an inrease of 240 per cent. The per capita expense of the two departments was: War department, increased from 67 cents to \$21 navy department, increased from 47 conts to \$1.26. That means that the cost to each man, woman and child in the country for keeping up our war establishment was no less than

\$3.35 The Intermountain Catholic, from which we copy these figures, says that In Utah. Indeed, we have already is figured out that the cost of mainining the government has increased o per cent, the revenues 73 per cent. and the population only 22 per cent. n these figures there is a partial answer to the off-repeated query as to the cause for the present high cost of Eving. We have to keep up with the government expenditures. What the American people need in

both municipal, state, and national affairs, is economy and honesty.

"BUSINESS MEN OPPOSED."

Facts indicate, clearly we believe that Senator John Y. Smith of Utah county is utterly mistaken and misinformed in his assertion that the busiiess sentiment of the State is against wohlbitlon.

But accepting this assumption as orrect, we assert, without the possibility of being mistaken, that the unanimous religious and moral sentiment of In such contest, where the struggle is

etween "good business" and good morals, and the issue is whether the almighty dollar or the human soul shall triumph, we feel certain that we can forsee where, in the final test, the Utah legislature, including Senator Smith, will be found.

TO AID HIGH SCHOOLS.

Senator Kuchler's bill for submission to the people of the amondment to the Constitution providing for an increase in the rate of taxation from 5 to 8 mills, is a good measure, provided that the use of this proposed increase in the revenues shall be limited to the specific objects in view.

the proposed amendment has for its purpose the extension of state aid to high schools and the prevention of a decrease in the revenues of the state. when the assessed valuation of the property in the state reaches \$200,000,000. A similar amendment to the Constitution was voted on at the last general election and defeated by 177 majority. The Constitution as it now stands written, provides that the rate of taxation must decrease from 8 mills to 5 mills. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in Utah for 1908 was \$166,019,855, and it was taxed \$ mills on the dollar. It is thought that the assessed valuation for 1909 will exceed \$200,000,000, but since the maximum amount of taxation under the Constitution must not exceed 5 mills on the dollar, it seems that the reduction of the tax rate will cause an actual loss in revenue.

The proposition is to amend section ⁶⁷. The rate of taxation on property for state purposes shall never exceed 8 mills on each dollar of valuation; 4% mills on each dollar of valuation tor general state purposes; 3 mills on each general state purposes; 3 mills on each dolar of valuation for district school purposes; ½ mill on each dollar of valuation for high school purposes, and whenever the taxable property within the state shall amount to \$400,-000,000, the rate shall never thereafter exceed 5 mills on each dollar of valu-ation; unless a proposition to increase such rate, specifying the rate proposed and the time during which the same shall be levied, be first submitted to a vote of such qualified electors as shall have paid a property tax assessed to them within the state in the year next preceding such election and the majority of those voting thereon shall vote in favor thereof in such manner as may be provided by law." If the bill passes it will be voted on If the bill passes it will be voted on at the next general election, and if Court of the District of Columbia, and the amendment then carries, it will go into effect Jun. 1, 1911, Since the proposed amendment provides that the rate of taxation shall be 8 mills until the assessed valuation of the taxable property reaches \$400,-000,000, and that 416 mills be used for general state purposes; 2 mills for dishigh school purposes, it seems to be

believe to be entirely mistaken because these properties could readily and perhaps more profitably be turned to the production of non-alcoholic beverage, without sensible diminution of their present cash values.

Under prohibition there would be a vastly increased demand for temperance drinks, and the brewers would most likely find their profits increased rather than diminished by cutering to the demand for the man-alcoholic bevent abnormal appetite for intoxicants. terest at this time, In Atlanta, Georgian this is said to be the case. The browers, by turning out a beverage that does not intoxicate | republic. are said to be pretty well satisfied with the workings of prohibition in that state. No doubt it would be the same

been informed of expert testimony to this effect. What would, therefore, have amounted to a perplexing question as to the absolute justice of a prohibition law is already answered and the main ob-

jection removed through the example afforded by its operation in other places The apprehension that the brewers

(we have no distillers in this state) would be unjustly dealt with by the prohibitory law, may be laid aside as of little moment because of its lack of probable ground.

AS LIAHONA VIEWS IT.

Linhona, the Elders' Journal oberves that there is every reason to believe that in the immediate future Utah will be the peer of any commonwealth in respect to, temperance, In support of this view it notes, how, some time before the legislature met, a poll of its members-elect "disclosed a strong sentiment among them in favor of prohibition." It adds that the sentiment among the Latter-day Saints, who have always comprised a majority of the people of Utah, has steadily favored prohibition; but that while Utah was a territory and the courts and judges were not elected, but appointed, they repeatedly refused to enforce temperance legslation, until the people of several different towns, who attempted by municipal ordinance to abolish the

saloon, were defeated after prolonged and expensive litigation. But now that the people of the

State make their own laws through representatives chosen by themselves and elect also the judges who adminis The author of the bill explains that | ter the laws, Liahona thinks it hardly

possible "that the pronounced sentiment of the majority of the voters of the state upon the liquor question will fail to be embodied in a statute that will be intended to wipe out the saloon." It adds that many voters who are members of other churches than the one above named, are working zealously in favor of prohibition and regards this fact as one element of moral certainty that the movement will succeed, "at least to the extent

of procuring the desired legislation. It regards the question of enforcing the laws as one that may safely be left to the future, since without doubt, it will be endorsed by the moral sense and wellknown wishes of a strong majority of the inhabitants of the state, and concludes that this law "will be executed as strictly and successfully as similar legislation is in any other state in the Union."

There can be little doubt as to the of this State, united as they are in associations corrupt good manners.

the best qualities of unspolled, middleclass men. He had the homely common sense; he had honesty with sagacity; and he had sympathetic nature that prepared him to accept any stormy times."

The editor of the Raminiscences set himself the task of presenting a true ploture of the great American from his private utterances as remembered by men who had met him, and he has succeeded in this to a remarkable deerage in place of cultivating the pres- gree. Both volumes have special in-

The storm king often reigns in this

Will Uncle Sam sell Jezeph Pulltzel into Egypt?

They who fight for prohibition fight the good fight.

The Balkan situation is Europe's Banquo's ghost.

A flood of bills isn't water on the ogialative wheel. A man who can't float a bad loan

can float a bad egg. Did any polltician ever tread the

straight and narrow path? It is easier to find out the seven ages

of man than the one age of woman.

"A corker" is something that some me has tried to cork and couldn't.

What is the difference between a mess of potage and a glass of beer

If the butter combine is as strong as some of the stuff it sells, it cannot be downed.

The large water users are not content to be mere choosers; they would be dictators.

In California the race-track bill seems to be to the active, the vallant and the brave.

So radical and unreasonable are the anti-prohibitionists that they are opposed to dry farming.

The government has plenty of glory for all but it is lacking about \$135,000, 000 for general expenses,

Prevention is better than cure. Pro hibition is prevention of whisky drinking and its attendant evils.

The Kaiser has reached the age o discretion. He talks no more. He has just celebrated his fiftieth birthday

No one seems very much astounded by the alleged astounding land frauds, perhaps because people are so used to such things.

When it was suggested to Judge Tart that the Billy Possum be substituted for the Teddy Bear he simply replied, "Non possumus."

Any department of the government onsiders it beneath its dignity to ask or an appropriation, for any purpose, of less than a million dollars.

Senator Depew says that Mr. E. H. Harriman is the strongest and ablest callroad man in the world. This comes near being praise from Sir Hubert.

Even President Gomez shows some of the effects of having been associ last point mentioned; for the people ated with Castro, proving that evil

Gathered On The Battlefield of Thought.

A Bird What is the bill of a bird Above a and what does it mean? I Beast, do not refer to the bill of a

hawk, or a heron, or an owl, or an ostrich, but to that which is the abstract of all these and a thousand more. I hold, regardless of anatomy and physiology, that a bird is a higher being than a beast. No beast scars and sings to its sweetheart; no beast remains in lifelong partnership with the wife of its youth; no beast builds it-soif a summer house and decks it with feathers and beast is with tenthers and bright shells. A beast is a groveling denizen of the earth; a bird is a free citizen of the earth; a bird is a free citizen of the air. And who can say that there is not a con-nection between this difference and other developments? The beast, think-ing only of its armetics, has evolved other developments? The beast, think-ing only of its appetites, has evolved a delicate nose, a discriminating palate, three kinds of teeth to cut, tear, and grind its food, salivary glands to mois-ten the same, and a perfected appara-tus of digestion. The bird, occupied with thoughts of love and beauty, with "fields, or waves, or mountains" and "shapes of sky or plain," has made little advance in the art and instru-ments of good living. It swallows its food whole, scarcely knowing the taste of it, and a pair of forceps for picking it up, tipped and cased with horn, is the whole of its dining furniture. For the whole of its dining furniture. For the bill of a bird, primarily and essen-tially, is that and nothing else. In the chickens and the sparrows that come to steal their food, and the robin that looks on, and all the little dicky-birds, you may see it in its simplicity. The size and shape may vary, as a Canadian ax differs from a Scotch ax; some are short and stout and have a sharp edge for shelling seeds; some are longer and fine-pointed, for picking worms and caterphilars out of their hiding-places; some a little hooked at their points, and one, that of the crossbill, with points crossed for picking the small seeds out of fir-cones; but all are practically the same tool. Yet the last distinctly points the way to those modifications by which the simple bill is gradually adapted to one special purpose or another, until it becomes a conderful mechanism in which the or ginal intention is guite out of sight .-trand Magazine.

Wicked We see plainly now that the essential wickedness of the Wicked City lies not in the Defiant.

transgressions of its inhabil-ants. Sin for sin, and man for man, matching every group of human habi-tations with another clear to the back-woods where they still plow with oxen, one is every bit and grain as wicked as another. They may not he so frame as another. They may not be so frank about it, but whether there is much to hoose between open and secret devil-oent I'm not prepared to say. The ssential wickedness of the Wicked City we perceive to be that it, exists at all; that it is a place not to make tha things that support life, but to make prices on the things of life; that it de-ales that be is worthy to be had in

only one in exchange, so that the over-alls burn like Nessus' shirt, and only a white collar can hold a man's head up eye to eye with his fedows; that to the olars commend of the distingt plain command of the Almighty that man should eat his bread in his prow's sweat, that if he lives by food and clothing and shelter he himself must hear his part is making four clothing and shelter he himself must bear his part in making food and clothes and shelter, to the solemn words, "Six days shalt thou labor," the Wicked City impudently answers God with: "A-ah, gwan! I know a better scheme than that,"-From "The Wicked City," he Sugna, Ward, is Collision "Ity," by Eugene Wood, in Collier's for Junuary 23

"As I stood there in the cold, in the midst of those cheerless and God-forsuk-Vulcan's Flery Furnace.

Furnace. cheerless and God-forsuk-en wastes, I gazed down with apsechless awe upon the untram-melled frolies of the God of Fire. The tempest-tossed take of molten tava bs-low the rim of the great cauldron was a typical workshop of Vulcan. The face of the lake of liquid fire alternated continually between black and white, like molten in a furnace Oxidation

like molten iron in a furnace. Oxidation and cooling of the flery fluid would blacken the surface with a pall that overed it in darkest gloom; then a trembling, caused by further subter-anean outbursts of steam, would break his ice-like oxide into a fretwork of ices of thousands of incandescent racks, lighting up the smoke-charged oit with a fierce glare. Another mo-nent, and in different parts of the lake geysers of fire of every imaginable col-or would rise like fountains in a public Walking across the congealed masses of lava one began to think that at any moment one was liable to drop through to the very gates of Hades and be precipitated to the most horrible f deaths. Underneath one was a ottomless abyrs of mud, sulphur, and of deaths. rock; and to contemplate being cast into that fearsome-looking lake of fire and brimstone was not at all comfortable. The Biblical description of heil does not convey even a faint idea of that terrible take of fire below us, which appeared to be fretting and fuming as though anxious to get loose and destroy everything in its path. The criter of Makuawaraa at that The crater of Makuaweoweo at that time without doubt afforded the specta-

tor a more awe-inspiring display of the forces of nature than has been granted to man elsewhere on earth without the sacrifice of life. in the February Wide World Magazine

> When a "No man can ever under-stand the heartsick dread, the cold, abject terror with which an unmarried Is Old.

with which an unmarried woman realizes that she is no longer young—that her face, her halt, her hands cry out that youth has passed. This merciless ageing of the flesh— God!—what a horrible thing it is to a woman! Each day, a little more withered, a little less round: angles coming where curves have been! Each that, her chances of witherood recovery prices on the things of life; that it de-nies that be is worthy to be had in honor that has caused two blades of grass to grow where but one grew be-fore, for such a man it contemns, and honors him who can shrewdly get two blades of grass and give the worth of



Why They "Successful business rive Do Not and women are too well of Marry. financially to want to mar

ry. The girl who sarns \$1 \$15 or \$20 a week sets for h standard of living, dress and small in uries which would require a pearning \$25, \$20 and \$50 respe She regards as necessities what mother considered luxuries. If a r who is earning only as much us the girl or a few dollars more a week asks her to marry him, he knows that the girl must either depriv some things she has grown to regard necessities or she must con work. And there is many to allow his wit to work Through agitation and in honest effort at agitation and ' desk, counte loom, womar rapidly neuri. in work and was with men. Her services are worth today as much as those of the man who might marry he -if her services were worth less, -Mrs marry her Anna Steese Richardson In Woman's Home Companion for February,

The past year has no Really Really Sailed been one characterine by The Air. any great epoch-making event in mechanics save event in mechanics for the first

one. This year man has for the fir time really sailed the air without the help of a lifting gas. Whether or h without th the aeroplane shall prove the solution to aerial navigation is too early to de termine. Great, very great advances, have been made, but we are yet upon the threshold only. The door opens, Whether it leads to the star chamber or only into the court yard time alon-will tell. There has been in 1908 much of far greater practical value that that of aviation. Things that really value than make for the safety and comfort and employment of the human race. The scope of many materials has been en larged; improvements have been made in machines and processes, but in m chanics no historic peg has been driv-en in the wall of time as would answer to hang a Davy's safety lamp upon.--H. H. Windsor in February Popular Machinet Mechanics.



For one week commencing Monday morning, Feb. 1st. Just now when the plans for new floor covering are under way, this announcement

CAUSE OF HIGH PRICES.

A thorough investigation of the causes of the high prices on various commodities that prevall in this City, would be welcome. Whether the Legisinture should be burdened with the difficult task of taking the soundings is a question on which opinions may diffor, but that the people here are suffer-Ing under anomalous conditions in the matter of prices, is generally believed. This is usually charged to combinations and trusts, and that such exist it would be fuille to deny. But their operations do not account entirely for high prices. They have an equally strong hold in communities where prices are not so high. Among the chief causes of exorbitant prices in any city are extravagant city govern-

ments and enormous indebtedness, This is plala without investigation. The man who maintains an expensive trict school purposes, and 1/2 mill for house on which he owes a large sum of money for the use of which he pays sufficiently guarded and explicit. interest, cannot get along with a small income. The cost of living is raised in proportion to the extravagance of his establishment and the extent of his indebtedness. Communities are subject to the same rule.

Salt Lake City has an enormous pub-He debt. It is owing somewhere in the neighborhoad of \$5,000,000-un enormous sum for a City of this size. The cost of carrying this burden is, of course, assessed aguin ! the property of the taxpayers. In addition the City has been unfortunate at times in the selection of | turned as profitably to other uses of officials. It has had administrations that seem to have had no higher aim than the sponding of the people's money. The extravagance of city fathers has. have occasioned needless apprehension of course, also been charged against in the minds of some of our citizens. the taxpayers. The result of it all is that rents are higher than they would be under normal conditions. But the its present form, of Mr. Cannon's prorant the business man pays for his hibition measure might deprive brew store is added to the cost of the goods ary owners of a large part of the he solls. The taxes paid by the lands | value of their property without due | lord are added to the cost of the houserent. The consumer pays the interest them any time or opportually to re- the Deserot News book store. One is a on the five million dollars the City adjust their business affairs so as to beautifully illustrated little book of owes and the cost of its government, no | avoid or diminish the loss that appears | about fifty pages, Lincoln and the Senmatter how extravagant it is. It is to be implied in stopping their con- timel, a true story told by L. E. Chitincluded in the cost of what he buys tinued manufacture of spirituous malt tenden. The other is a large volume. to cal, and to wear; in his blue for jiquora. fuel and lighting. for education, or The consideration is not without sences of Abraham Lincoln by distinamusement. Wherever he goes he weight but the objection might be guished men of his time, collected by carries this load on his shoulders. That met by providing sufficient time for Allen Thorndike Lice. Both are highly is one of the reasons why it custs more the brewerles in which to wind up interesting. to live in a debt-ridden, badly-governed their business, and dispose of their city than in one that is governed on ra- property to the best advantage or postional business principles.

The same reasoning holds good if might be found by the state. Is nation. For this work he was peculi-the situation is considered from a na-Monal point of view. When the gov-

NEEDLESS APPREHENSIONS.

Would the prohibition of the manufacture of alcoholic liquors within this state amount to a practical confiscation of at least a part of the property day coted to the brewing of mall liquors? Would the state in such case he morally bound to afford the brewery owners some kind or some measure of ompensation?

Or could the brewing plants be industry without sensible diminution of their present maney value?

These are important questions that Fears have been expressed by conservative people that the passage, in

sentiment as to the strict regulation of the liquor traffic can scarcely be thwarted by any attempts at the evasion of measures framed with this end in view.

AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS.

A call has been issued signed by Mr. Sam. Gompers and the members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor, asking for contributions for the defense in the pending injunction proceedings "against the American Federation of Labor." As will be remembered Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison were declared guilty of violating an injunction issued by the Supreme Justice Wright, of that court, sentenced them to terms of imprisonment. The original injunction issued on the application of the Buck's Stove and Range company was appealed to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, and the intention is also to take on appeal against Judge Wright's decision, and, if necessary, to carry the cases to the Supreme Court

of the United States, We may not agree with the Call, that Judge Wright's decision was directed

against the Federation of Labor, but we believe, nevertheless that It is important that the question of the right of any organization to use boycott in the furtherance of its aims should be determined by the court. The laborers are not alone interested in that question. It is one that concerns the general public, and we presume, therefore, that contributions will be freely given by all classes of citizens who may feel that they can afford it. Contributions are received by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, 423 G street northwest, Washington, D. C., who will acknowledge and receipt for the same and make due. accounting thereof.

LINCOLN LITERATURE.

Among the notable publications on Abraham Lincoln are two by Harperprocess of law and without allowing & Bros. They can be obtained through containing over 400 pages of Reminin-

Lincoln was raised up by the Divine Power that rules and ordains ional business principles. sibly, some method of compensation everything to liberate a race and ordams. The same reasoning holds good if might be found by the state. a nation. For this work he was peculi-

Even great and appalling disasters are soon forgotten. It is just a month since the earthquake and tidal wave destroyed Messina and today people are thinking of other things.

War department officials say that the refusal of the House committee on appropriations to grant a liberal sum for military aeronautics has knocked ballooning in America sky-high.

"The threat of prohibition is doing the State incalculable harm." says a 'boomer." If that were true, it cannot do the State a hundredth part of the injury that whisky does it.

"Utah properly re-clects Reed Smoot to the Senate. After so much trouble to get him in, it naturally wants him to stay there," says the Boston Trans. cript. And right the Transcript is,

JUST FOR FUN.

A Left-Handed Compliment. Clyde Fitch was talking about

Christmas pantomimes. "We don't have them," he said, "but In England in December Innumerable

In Englaind in December Innumerable theaters are given over to them. The pantomime has developed. It is no longer silent, 'Péter Pan' is its heat type, and 'Peter Pan' is the most suc-cessful pantomime of the century. "'Peter Pan' has harmed other pan-tomimes enormously. They don't draw at all now. Hence last Christmas a well known pantomime writer was pleased when a little girl said to him: "I just love to go to your panto-'I just love to go to your panto

'Do you, my dear,' said the author, patting her on the head tenderly. "I just do.' said the little girl, 'Peter Pan' is so crowded you can never get in, but at your pantomime there are always oceans of good scats-oceans and oceans.' "-Washington star Star.

He Was the Limit.

He was the Limit. Of all the bores he was the limit. "Dou you know," he drawled, "I sometimes feel the call of the polar regions. Weally, I think I'd like to join a relief expedition. What do you think of it, Miss Wose?" "Well, Reggy," responded the weary girl, with a yawn, "It certainly would be a relief to some of your acquaint ances."

And without a word he took his hat and cane and departed.-Chicago Daily Nowa.

"I harly know my wife by sight You see, I made her acquaintance at the masked ball, and now we're travel-ing in our sule all the time!"--Jug-end.

Winnie. I wouldn't marry you if you were the last man on earth. Jack. I know you wouldn't. I could have my choice then -Ex.

"He says he's interested in uplifting"

will be specially interesting. These are all new goods that have just been received—the latest designs and colorings.

