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### NO OPPOSITION HERE.

The daily outbursts of a local anti-  
 "Mormon" sheet, against "hierarchal"  
 influence and "hierarchal" animosity to  
 business interests, are no longer taken  
 seriously by intelligent newspaper read-  
 ers. They are commencing to recog-  
 nize in them the ravings of persons  
 mentally deranged and of a vicious dis-  
 position. For that reason an apology  
 is due, perhaps, for taking any notice  
 of them whatever.

Lately writers for the sheet referred  
 to have harbored the illusion that  
 somebody is opposing the smelter in-  
 terests. This is, of course, not true.  
 The owners and managers of those  
 large and important concerns know  
 that it is not true. They know that  
 even the farmers of this valley, who  
 found it necessary to take measures  
 for the protection of their homes, to  
 say nothing of their health and lives,  
 are not opposed to the smelting indus-  
 try. It is not, and has never been, a  
 question of hostility between two im-  
 portant industries. It should be possi-  
 ble to find some means of preventing  
 the injury done to the vegetation of the  
 valley, and all the people ask is that  
 the remedy be found, and applied. That,  
 we take it, is in the interest of the smel-  
 ters, as well as the farms and orchards  
 and homes.

The allegation that there is any  
 "hierarchal" influence at work in this  
 matter is worthy of a mentally deranged  
 inmate of a lunatic asylum. Only a  
 short time ago Consul General Wilber  
 of Singapore reported that the govern-  
 ment of the Federated Malay states,  
 on representations by the United  
 Planters' Association, "is taking strong  
 measures and forbidding the calculating  
 of arsenical in ores unless done in  
 proper furnaces which will concentrate  
 the arsenic, so as to prevent the fumes  
 becoming a danger to health, comfort,  
 and property." It would be just as  
 reasonable, and sane, to say that the  
 "hierarchal" influence has been at work  
 in the Malay states, against the smel-  
 ters, as to ascribe the unfortunate con-  
 flict in this valley to anything but the  
 laudable desire of the farmers to pre-  
 serve their homes.

The charge of "hierarchal" influence  
 is part of the poisonous fumes that  
 the smokestacks of the anti-"Mormon"  
 establishment are belching forth incess-  
 antly for the purpose of befouling the  
 pure atmosphere of Utah and injuring  
 the people to the utmost of its capacity.  
 This fact the public is commencing to  
 recognize. Only a short time ago one  
 of the most prominent business men  
 of this city, not a member of the  
 Church, in a public place denounced the  
 anti-"Mormon" sheet for its mouth-  
 pieces against a "hierarchal" that has no  
 existence except in the imagination of  
 diseased brains. "Such falsehoods,"  
 he said, "are detrimental to the inter-  
 ests of this State and City." Yes, in-  
 telligent newspaper readers know just  
 what the effect of anti-"Mormon" false-  
 hoods are.

### SHEETS AND THE SALOONS.

In the days when the country was  
 struggling to get upon a gold basis  
 once more, the late John Sherman used  
 to say: "There is just one way to re-  
 sume, and that is resume." Chief of  
 Police Sheets might well say to him-  
 self: "There is just one way to stop  
 Sunday liquor selling, and that is to  
 stop." No set of city ordinances ever  
 framed gave a chief more thorough  
 and complete power over the Sunday  
 liquor situation, than the one adopted  
 in Salt Lake, which empowers the chief  
 to peremptorily refuse to renew the  
 license of a saloonkeeper who disre-  
 gards the law. Chief Sheets has only  
 to apply this remedy and the whole  
 trouble will end. It is refreshing to  
 know that he is taking in hand some  
 of the offenders, and while it may be  
 trying to him and some of his prin-  
 cipals, to apply the screws to resorts  
 which are the breeding places of so  
 many "American votes," and which  
 supply so many of the sinews of war  
 for the "American" cause, still the chief  
 has the satisfaction of knowing that  
 he is in the strict line of his duty, and  
 that he is upholding the ordinances he  
 has sworn to maintain.

### WAR ON OPIUM.

One of the encouraging signs of the  
 time is the renewed effort by the  
 Chinese government to suppress the  
 opium traffic in the country. On pre-  
 vious occasions similar efforts have  
 been opposed by the British govern-  
 ment. It is therefore to be inferred  
 that the Chinese hope to be supported  
 in the new crusade against the nation-  
 al vice, by Japan, since the effort  
 would hardly have been made again  
 without some assurance that it would  
 not be attempted in vain.

The hand of Japan is also seen in  
 the measure proposed in the Imperial  
 edict. They are virtually identical  
 with those that have been tried in  
 Formosa with great success, since the  
 Japanese occupation of that island.  
 It is estimated that about a hundred  
 million people in China use opium.  
 They are commanded to register their  
 names with the police and obtain per-  
 mits which will allow them to purchase  
 a given quantity of the drug at cer-  
 tain periods, and all dealers are for-  
 bidden to give or sell the drug to any  
 one in greater quantity or at more fre-  
 quent periods than are allowed in the  
 permit. All persons over 60 years of  
 age may continue its use as at pres-

ent, but all persons under that age  
 will be required to reduce their con-  
 sumption by 20 per cent yearly and  
 cease to use it entirely at the end of  
 five years. At the end of the five years  
 persons under 65 years of age who con-  
 tinue to use opium will be compelled to  
 wear a distinctive badge which will  
 advertise them publicly as opium  
 fiends. All government officials, even  
 princes, dukes, viceroys and generals  
 less than 60 years of age must give up  
 the habit within six months or tender  
 their resignations. All teachers and  
 students must abandon the habit with-  
 in one year. All officers of the army  
 and navy must abandon the habit at  
 once, and several officers have already  
 been court-martialed for failure to  
 obey this edict.

Special provisions are made for the  
 dealers in opium, pipes, lamps and other  
 paraphernalia of the opium joint.  
 All places of public resort for opium  
 smoking are to be closed and those  
 who are addicted to the habit must  
 practice it at their own homes.

China is in earnest in this matter,  
 and it is believed that she will suc-  
 ceed in terminating the traffic, if no  
 foreign power will interfere. The re-  
 form will cost Great Britain many  
 millions of dollars annually. It is esti-  
 mated that nearly 600,000 acres of  
 British soil are planted to poppies and  
 1,500,000 of British subjects are depend-  
 ent upon their cultivation. The annual  
 average value of the crop is about  
 \$50,000,000, and in 1905 China imported  
 37,094,172 taels' worth of the crop.  
 But notwithstanding Great Britain is  
 so heavily interested in the continua-  
 tion of the nefarious traffic, it is be-  
 lieved the government of that country  
 will no longer oppose the reform that  
 is demanded by the Chinese.

### ROME STANDS FIRM.

Opinions may differ regarding the  
 merits of the controversy between the  
 Vatican and the French government,  
 concerning the relations of the church  
 to the state, but the firmness of the  
 Pope in the face of opposition, and  
 his fidelity to principles at the cost  
 of great sacrifices, must gain un-  
 versal admiration.

The head of the Roman church is  
 now prepared, it is stated, to relin-  
 quish the property held by the de-  
 nomination in France, prohibit pub-  
 lic services, and instruct the priests  
 to conduct worship only privately.  
 It is reported from Rome that the  
 Pope recently expressed himself to  
 the effect that "the church will not  
 flinch from the attitude it has taken,  
 no more concessions being possible,  
 but he hoped that the violence and  
 persecution would soon result in bet-  
 ter times."

It is a peculiar fact that Protestant  
 papers in this country, that should  
 regard religious liberty next in im-  
 portance to eternal salvation itself,  
 openly side with the atheistic in-  
 stigatators of the anti-Roman crusade.  
 It proves what spirit animates them.  
 It proves what some who call them-  
 selves Americans would do, if they  
 had the power to follow their inclina-  
 tion. Cardinal Gibbons has publicly  
 charged that the anticlericals in  
 France are trying to drive the Chris-  
 tian religion from the country; that  
 they not only hate the clergy, but  
 they hate God, they hate Christ, and  
 they hate His religion as much as ever  
 their Jacobin fathers hated them;  
 and that they would root out all reli-  
 gion. This, probably, comes very  
 near stating the truth; and yet Pro-  
 testant religious magazines applaud  
 the proceedings against a church.

The spirit of persecution, no mat-  
 ter where manifested, or how, is both  
 anti-Christian and anti-American.  
 Even if the victims were Mohammed-  
 dans, or pagans, or atheists, persecu-  
 tion is against the laws of the king-  
 dom of heaven. Rome's greatest er-  
 ror in past ages was her adoption  
 of the pagan spirit of persecution.  
 But that error is less excusable today  
 than in any former age, and it is  
 positively revolting in Protestants who  
 profess to believe in liberty of con-  
 science.

### THE GREATEST HEBREW.

According to a New York dispatch a  
 great number of Hebrew children in  
 New York were kept home from the  
 public schools because orthodox Rabbis  
 and zealous newspapers had protested  
 against the celebration of Christmas.  
 The opinions of parents, it appears, dif-  
 fered somewhat. Some of them per-  
 mitted their children to go to such ex-  
 ercises as were colorless, as far as any  
 religious significance was concerned,  
 and even went themselves. But the  
 children of ultra-orthodox households  
 were ordered not to go to school. In  
 several tenements in Rivington street,  
 where there is a strong Roumanian and  
 Polish influence, the housekeepers and  
 janitresses were, according to the re-  
 ports published, stationed with  
 brooms at the doors to drive back all  
 children who attempted to go to the  
 forbidden observances. A few of the  
 pupils ran a blockade and arrived  
 breathless in their classrooms. More  
 boys than girls were absent. The girls,  
 who had bought new frocks and learn-  
 ed recitations and songs, prevailed on  
 their parents to let them take part in  
 the program.

This shows an ignorance and narrow-  
 ness of mind that can hardly be tol-  
 erated in this country of equal rights  
 and privileges. If the question were  
 of forcing Christian doctrines upon He-  
 brew children, the opposition would be  
 justifiable. But the commemoration of  
 the birth of Jesus of Nazareth is some-  
 thing in which even the Jews can take  
 part, because the Nazarene is, and re-  
 mains, the greatest of the Hebrew race,  
 even if He is regarded only as a man.  
 Why should not an orthodox Hebrew  
 be willing to remember His birth? If  
 the chosen people is ever to come to  
 its national rights, it will be through  
 the general acceptance of the teach-  
 ings of Jesus concerning the brother-  
 hood of man. No Hebrew disgraces  
 himself by honoring the memory of  
 Jesus of Nazareth.

The East Indians, as British subjects,  
 claim the right of self government.

The man who has any money on  
 hand the week following Christmas is  
 very selfish.

The restaurateurs are not at all

mealy mouthed about putting up the  
 price of meals.

What has become of the coal fam-  
 ine all of a sudden? Doubtless there  
 was much shortage but more scarce.

Two men fought a duel with pitch-  
 forks the other day. In a way this is  
 stealing Senator Tillman's thunder.

It is reported that the "liquidation  
 in Wall street is uncontrollable." So is  
 the liquidation in the Salt Lake streets.

The boy who got skates on Christmas  
 wants to know what they are good for.  
 And the question remains unanswered.

Uncle Sam should not butt into the  
 Congo Free State muss. In fact his  
 motto should be, "stut be no butts."

Mayor Schmitt wants a chance to  
 plead separately but Ruef does not.  
 Ruef may have in mind Franklin's  
 saying, "If we don't hang together we  
 will hang separately."

Lawyer Patrick is not contented  
 with the commutation of his death  
 sentence to life imprisonment, but  
 wants liberty now. Should he secure  
 it he might sue for damages for false  
 imprisonment.

Miner Hicks, who was entombed for  
 fifteen days by a cave-in, has signed a  
 contract to lecture for a year. Had  
 his rescuers known their work would  
 have resulted in this would they have  
 been so eager to save him?

Grover Cleveland has applied to the  
 government at Washington to stock  
 Carnegie lake at Princeton with game  
 fish. Considering what an ardent ad-  
 mirer of Isaac Walton he is, he is liable  
 to have his motives impugned.

According to Gov. Magoon Ameri-  
 can soldiers were sent into Santa  
 Clara Province merely for practice  
 marches. But it is one of those prac-  
 tices that should not be indulged in  
 too frequently else grave suspicions  
 will be aroused.

### LEARNING MONKEY TALK.

Pittsburg Dispatch to New York Sun.

Mrs. Mary Simonton has just re-  
 ceived a letter from her daughter,  
 Miss Ida Veranda Simonton, who went  
 to Africa to study the language of  
 the monkeys. Miss Simonton is in the  
 jungles along the Congo, practically  
 alone, although 300 miles away from  
 natives and an Englishman, a mem-  
 ber of the sleeping sickness mission,  
 are within hailing distance. In her  
 letter she says she is progressing rapidly  
 with her work, and she believes that  
 she has already mastered several words  
 in the monkey language. She also be-  
 lieves she has made the monkeys un-  
 derstand some things she says to them.

### HOW HE MAY DEVELOP.

Albany Herald.

The negro is only one generation re-  
 moved from slavery. That he will  
 grow away from his brutal charac-  
 teristics, and develop as time goes on is  
 to be hoped. If he does, it will be  
 along the lines suggested by Booker  
 T. Washington and the Louisville  
 Courier-Journal. They know the negro  
 and the southern candidates.

### AGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

Pueblo Chieftain.

The British-Japanese treaty is, in  
 fact, one of the most powerful instru-  
 ments of peace in the world today.  
 It practically assures that no nation shall  
 attack Japan without counting the cost  
 of war with England, and it also prac-  
 tically assures that Japan will not go  
 to war with any nation without getting  
 the advice of British statesmen. Far  
 from desiring that Great Britain should  
 modify her treaty with Japan in order  
 to prove her good friendship for Amer-  
 ica, the people of the United States  
 and of all other civilized countries  
 should be most heartily glad that this  
 treaty is in existence, and they have  
 strong reason to hope that the treaty  
 will continue in force until such a  
 time as Japan shall have come into  
 complete harmony with the world in-  
 fluences toward peace and progressive  
 civilization, which now have so strong  
 a part in directing the course of in-  
 ternational events.

### FOR THE CHILDREN.

Sacramento Bee.

On this day it were meet that many  
 who hold marriage to be merely a  
 convenience—many married men who  
 cannot be "battered" with "quilling  
 brats"—many married women who are  
 not womanly at heart, for no mar-  
 ried woman can be womanly lacking  
 the yearning spirit of motherhood—  
 were meet that such should take deep  
 to heart the words of the Christ:  
 "Suffer little children, and forbid  
 them not, to come unto me, for of such  
 is the Kingdom of Heaven."

### JUST FOR FUN.

Miserable Maid.

Mrs. Jobson had gone away from  
 home, leaving Mr. Jobson lamenting.  
 On arriving at her destination she  
 missed her gold lace-pin and sent a  
 post card to her servant asking the girl  
 to let her know if she found anything  
 on the diningroom floor when sweeping  
 it next morning.  
 The servant duly replied: "Dear  
 Madam—You ask me to let you know  
 if I found anything when sweeping the  
 diningroom floor this morning. I beg  
 to report that I found thirty matches,  
 three corks and a pack of cards."  
 Mrs. Jobson returned by the next  
 train.—London Tit-Bits.

### Careful of Appearances.

"Yis, ma'am," said Bridget, "I'll be  
 'avin' ye. I don't like that snip of a  
 dude that does be callin' on Miss  
 Mabel."  
 "The ideal," exclaimed her mistress,  
 "He doesn't call to see you, so what?"  
 "I know he don't, ma'am, but I'm  
 afraid some of the neighbors might  
 think he does."—Philadelphia Press.

### An Instinctive Calculator.

"Remember," said the kind, elderly  
 gentleman, "that you may be president  
 of the United States."  
 "Yes," answered the boy whose father  
 is connected with the race track; "but  
 look at the population of this country.  
 I've only got one chance in  
 millions. I ain't playing any long shots  
 like that."—Washington Star.

### Weeds.

"The widow Hightler says she is go-  
 ing to give up smoking."  
 "I thought it was about time for her  
 to discard her weeds."—Philadelphia Press.

### A Luxury.

"But," protested the plain citizen,  
 "don't you consider honesty a good  
 thing?"  
 "Sure," replied the politician, "but  
 it's like a finer good thing; you've  
 got to make money before you can af-  
 ford it."—Philadelphia Ledger.

### Wise Maid.

"Darling," sighed the ardent youth,

"I'm madly in love with you. Will you  
 be my wife?"  
 "I'm awfully sorry," replied the dear  
 girl, "but I couldn't think of marrying  
 a lunatic."—Chicago Daily News.

### What He Got.

"I told the architect who is planning  
 my new house that I wanted marble  
 steps, and what do you suppose he  
 did?"  
 "Gave you a stony stare, I suppose."  
 —Exchange.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

"Jonathan Uplands" is the title of a  
 little book recently published, in which  
 the author, W. E. Chase of Madison,  
 Wis., suggests some reform work along  
 certain lines. He deals with problems  
 relating to business, the treatment of  
 animals, city affairs, schools, the sex  
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 closes with a paper on vivisection. It  
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 with profit by all who have given these  
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