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### TO IDAHO VOTERS.

Senator Dubois of Idaho is said to be threatening "Mormon" voters with dire consequences, if they dare to exercise their rights as United States citizens. His recent address at Montpelier consisted of a tirade of abuse against "Mormons" of all political affi-The speaker, we understand, liations. is doing his best to frighten members of the Church away from the polls, for the simple reason that they are Church members. It is stated that he will have some one in every precinct to challenge every "Mormon," who dares to offer to vote.

No one should stay away from the polls on that account. All citizens who have the necessary qualifications, as prescribed in the elector's oath, are entitled to vote, and a challenge can be made on no other ground. "Mormon" voters who are duly qualified should go' early to the polls and vote, in spite of all efforts at intimidation. No citizen who is not living in violation of the laws, can rightfully be disqualified by any challengers in the service of Senator Dubois, or any one

It is the sworn duty of the election judges to keep all persons out of the room where the election is being conducted, except persons who are authorized to vote and the proper election officers, and no one except the Judges should be permitted to interrogate a voter after he is challenged. The challenger has no authority to ask any questions. It is the duty of the judges, if they believe a challenge is made in good faith, and upon any of the grounds mentioned in the election laws, to administer to the challenged party the elector's oath, and no other. Any attempt to challenge voters on account of their being members of the Church, or on account of religious beliefs, is illegal, and it is the duty of and marvelous work he was called upthe election judges to see that the voters are protected in their rights. If responsible before the law.

The campaign in Idaho has assumed the character of an anti-"Mormon" crusade as far as the friends and supporters of Senator Dubois have been able to make "Mormonism" the issue. Under the circumstances it becomes the solemn duty of every duly qualified  $A_{ij}$ 

who has to pay his pew rent out of his hard earnings. But, whatever the reason, or the combination of reasons, may be, it is not because of the failure of the ministers to attract attention by various schemes calculated to draw people to meetings. We have heard of pastors who have given "smokers," in order to attract a certain class of people. In some places theatrical entertainments have been given as a prologue to church services. And one reverend gentleman, who was to preach on the text: "Put on the armor of God," announced-so they story goesthat he was to appear in a suit of ancient armor, to give an air of reality, as it were, to his sermon. But with all such devices, the failing off in church attendance seems to be chronic. Why would it not be well to suggest. at this time, that pastors cease looking to the social whirl, or the vaudeville stage, for remedies, and that they instead go back to the earliest days of the Christian church, with a view of ascertaining whether the real cause of the condition complained of is not to be found in the fact that there has

been a radical deviation from the customs and usages established under divine inspiration? The church fathers tell us how the Christians in an early age, worshiped. Justin Martyr describes Christian services thus:

"On the day called Sunday there is made a gathering into the same place of all that live in city or country and the memoranda of the Apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as may be. Afterwards the reader having ceased, the president makes verbally the admonition and ex-hortation to the imitation of these excellent things. Then we all rise and pour forth prayers. Then the bread and wine are taken."

From the history of Origen, it is evident that any one who was qualified to teach publicly was called upon to do For, before he was given so-called orders, he was invited to preach in the church, both in Jerusalem and Caesarea. In the controversy that arose over this point, it was asserted that: "Whenever any are found fit to from the history of the Church they profit the brethren, they are exhorted by the holy Bishops to preach to the cated. Their attacks upon the Church, people." The point to observe is that the practice of limiting the duty of preaching and teaching to a certain

class, as is done in so many churches of the world, is an innovation, and it is not improbable that if a return were made to the apostolic practice, a new interest would be awakened among the

so-called laymen. It is one of the evidences of the divine inspiration of the Prophet Joseph that in the establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ in this age, he was led to avoid any imitation of human systems and to build entirely in accordance with the divine pattern. When we remember that the Prophet was inexperienced and unlearned, this cannot be ascribed to human wisdom. It can be accounted for on no other ground than this, that the Spirit of the Lord filled his soul and mind, and directed him in the great on to perform.

The conditions complained of by some they do not, they are liable to be held of the religious leaders of the world should never obtain among the Latterday Saints. They should never neglect to meet together as often as possible, and particularly in their ward meetings. Some believe that they can serve the Almighty just as acceptably by studying the Scriptures at home and communing with God in prayer, and principles of flying as illustrated in hat to go to meeting is, therefore, not absolutely necessary. This is an error that should not be permitted to find an entrance into the hearts of the Latterday Saints. It is necessary to study the word of God and to pray privately and in the family circle, but it is equally necessary to meet with the brethren of the household of faith, in order to partake of the spirit that is present there and to renew the covenants with the Lord in the manner He has prescribed. No Church member can continue to live a sound spiritual life, or develop to spiritual perfection, if he neglects to attend the meetings of the Saints. These meetings are established by divine instructions, because the Lord knew they were necessary for His Saints. They should, therefore, be attended to, as every other duty that is

dant if the accusations made about the Mormon church and Utah are true. While we are not in the least inter-ested in the subject, because of a general disposition to mind our own business, yet when it is introduced in direct evidence we reserve the right to cross examine. Dr. fliff has been asked to prove his statements respecting Mormonism and Utah and as a Christian clergyman he should do so. The Constitution of the United States discountenances criticism of a religion which is not inimicable to the interests of the people. He claims the Mormon church comes within the latter class. If it does, we not only have the right to hear of it, but are entitled to the absolute proof.

This plea for fair play expresses undoubtedly the true sentiment of a large majority of American citizens, notwithstanding some evidences that would seem to indicate that this impression is incorrect. Americans are sastly influenced in certain directions. An Hurgarian critic, Dr.Reisch, has recently made a comparison between this country and England. He illustrated his ideas with a description of a lynching, "Lynch him," cried one, and the cry was echoed till a mob arose which, without thought or opinion, without judgment or reason, without any sense, murdered a man in hot blood." In England it is different. "An English crowd," says Dr. Reich, "is composed of many individual-a gentleman, an officer, a clerk, a workingman." Hence if in England you cry "Lynch him!" there is no response. There are too many differences of opinion, too many varied interests for sudden unanimity and oncerted action.

There may be some grain of truth in this, but it should be added that the Americans, even if many of them are asily influenced by agitators, provided their clamor is sufficiently loud and vigorous, yet, in the end, the American sound sense will assert itself, and agitators will be swept away. You cannot fool all the people all the time." There is no reason for apprehension for the future. Rev. Iliff and all of his class should learn wisdom assail in vain. Truth is always vindihowever, are really directed against a fundamental principle of American government.

# FLYING MACHINES.

M. Santos Dumont is quoted, in a Paris dispatch, as having said that he at last has a flying machine that solves the problem of air navigation. "Man has flown at last," was his exclamation. His previous attempts he regards as only the first steps toward the goal he thinks he has reached. His reason for the enthusiasm now manifested is that he has, as he claims, succeeded in constructing a flying machine that is heavier than the air. "Once let it be proved," he says, "that something heavier than the air can rise and maintain Itself, and we have the solution of the problem within our grasp." This, we believe to be the correct

view. The balloon will hardly ever become an airship, though it Has been proved that it can be made dirigible to a limited extent, under very favorable circumstances. Nature suggests what the flying machine should The proper model is the bird, as the fish is the model of the fast-sailing ship. When man has mastered the the construction of the winged deni-

cats," says the Kansas City Star. No. just give him the "go by."

The Walker Indian reservation population seems to be composed chiefly of the "sooners" and the "laters." The latter want the government to call the race off and start it over again. It is too late, but even if it were done the result would be practically the same.

A London minister has recommended a change in the names of the days In the week. He complains because they were taken from names of heathen deities with dubious reputations, and suggests that the days be named after noble Englishmen. This is worse than the reformed spelling.

"A police captain was about to raid a gambling den. At midnight, taking his place at the head of a squad of stal-wart men, he looked them over closely and then said to his lieutenant: 'Is everything in readiness for this

raid? 'Yes, sir,' replied the licutenant, sa-"Tes, shr, replied the licutenant, sa-luting. 'Our arms are in first class or-der, here are the reports, there are the flashlight camera men, and I notified the proprietor of the place this after-neon."

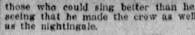
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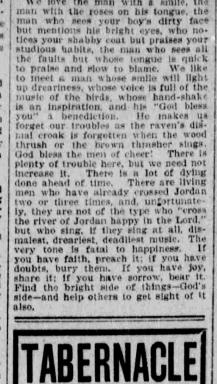
Half of the water from the Colorado river that has been flowing into the Salton sea, has been turned back into its old channel, and the remainder will be very soon. It has been a great engineering task to do this, and records another triumph of mind over matter. The whole incident teaches an important lesson in irrigation projects. It is that too great care cannot be exercised in diverting large bodies of water from their natural channels. When an immense volume of water gets to cutting it is about the most uncontrollable thing in the world.

When Congress meets the bureau

of naval construction will present a project for the construction of the largest battleship ever built. This is because England has launched the Dreadnought, the speediest and most powerful battleship yet built. But England is building some more battleships that are to have a speed of several knots an hour greater than the Dreadnought, a speed of at least twenty-seven knots. The bureau of naval construction rejected the steam turbines as impracticable in great warships. The English naval constructors adopted them and proved the correctness of their theory in the Dreadnought. Now the bureau of naval construction has come around to them again. Really it looks at times as though the bureau did not quite know what it does want.

Feeling in California on the question of Japanese children in the public schools must be quite intense, to judge from the following from the San Francisco Chronicle: "It is stated in a dispatch from Washington that the authorities in that city are not worrying over the reports that the Japanese newspapers are making a fuss because San Francisco does not care to undertake the task of providing the boon of free education for all of that race who choose to come here. Why should they? The general government has no right to interfere with the management of our municipal affairs, and cannot dictate the course we must pursue in that particular. A lot of half-baked Washington correspondents appear to think that the rest of the nation can impose this duty on Californla, but their mistake is not shared by men of intelligence in the departments."









voter to spring to the aorm fense of the principles of American government that are being assailed. It becomes their duty to cast their votes in support of those principles. A grievous wrong is contemplated against every citizen of the great State of Idaho. The "Mormon" voters should not let any one intimidate them. Let them go to the polls early and exercise their rights and privileges as citizens, without fear and without hesita-

tion.

As the Mormon people in Idaho are menaced by a new hardship at the hands of a gang of political freebooters, it is proper that such safeguards of the law as may exist be understood and applied. Mr. Dubols is said to have made gleeful haste to reach the conclusion that because of an oral statement In a speech by Judge Heyburn, to the effect that the test oath provision of the constitution is operative without legislation, the people referred to can be excluded from voting by means of challenging at the polls. Perhaps the judge has been misquoted, or he may have been misunderstood; certainly he is too good a lawyer to hold that constitutional provisions can enforce themselves. He ought to, and thereby does know, that a constitution per se is inoperative. It is merely the foundation and limitation of law-making and in no sense the energy by which legislative results are obtained. It is otherwise when specifically so provided, but there can be no such provision attached to the Idaho test oath or there would be no need of an Interpretation of the provision; it would speak for itself and statements to that effect would be truisms, surplusage, aimless reiteration-all beneath the dignity of an ex-wearer of the ermine and a present wearer of the toga. The test oath is not self-operative, and we hope the long-suffering people whose disfranchisement is thus sought to be effected will have ample legal remedies at hand to the end that this new effort to circumvent the law may signally fail.

## GOING TO CHURCH.

One of the embarrassing questions of the day in religious circles, both in this country and across the sea, relates to the noticeable absence of working men from church services. A meeting was held a short time ago in Liverpool, England, where representatives of many of the trades and professions were in attendance. It was called for the purpose of discussing the reasons why many working men failed to go to church, and many interesting speeches were made on that topic. According to an account in the Millen-Bial Star, of that meeting, one of the speakers proved by statistics that seventy per cent of the working men of today do not attend the churches. The condition is somewhat similar in this country.

Various reasons are assigned for this failure to go to church. It is claimed that the ministers generally neglect the

A PLEA FOR TOLERANCE.

tion in this earthly existence.

necessary for our schooling and educa-

The Wilkes Barre, Pa., News of Oct. 29, has an excellent editorial on the 'Mormon" question, urging tolerance in religious matters and demanding proofs instead of unsupported accusations, in controversies. Our contemporary reminds its readers that it is "the right of all men and women to thing as they please about things divine and worship or not worship God as their conscience dictates;" that this is not the say so of a few people, but that it is the accepted policy of all the people in the United States, and one of the most conspicuous sections of the Federal Constitution. "Yet." the News says, we find learned men professing one religion and hating another. We find ordained clergymen declaring that bellef in one form of religion is false and calculated to lead on to the brimstone precincts, while theirs has a corner lot pre-empted in paradise."

Ater these preliminaries the paper continues:

'in this connection the attack on the the Mormon church has many ele-ments of intolerance and bigotry which good Americans cannot afford to pass lightly aside. If there is anything in-herently bad about the Mormon church that which is a menace to the mation and a danger to public morals, we would rather review the proof than listen to the oft-repeated but appar-ently unsustained allegation. We come to the point. Dr. Inff, a distinguished clergyman and lecturer has made clergyman and lecturer, has made several tours of the country speaking against Mormonism and the church in Jtah. We have none of it here and consequently cannot be swayed one way Utah. or the other in discussing its affairs. As the religion is not being established in these parts and cannot be introduced here at an early date it seems bad taste for a member of one branch of the Christian faith to assail another at afforded us to view setual, conditions and become familiar with the real facts. This view of the case is considerably augmented when the man who makes the charges utterly falls to substantiat them and refuses to accept a challenge to prove the same presented by a memr of the same religious community as

'If a statement made about Mormonnature to go to church. It is claimed hat the ministers generally neglect the orking men and their interests. It is not asserted that going to church has become too expensive to the poor man

zens of the air, the problem is fully solved. Undoubtedly the balloon principle will be utilized in some combination with the aeroplane principle, as it is in the blrds. Santos Dumont seems to recognize this fact, and will perhaps succeed in constructing a real practical airship. According to this air navigator, traveling in the air will soon become cheaper than automobiling. He claims that as soon as certain patents lapse, a small flyer can be had for about one-quarter of the present price. He says a man will then be able to keep his little fly. ing machine in his room and start on his journey from the balcony. M. Dumont may be too sanguine in his forecasts, but in our age inventions develop so rapidly, and are of so startling a nature as to give very little time for skepticism to urge its objections.

The chauffeur's strike is usually dead-

New York's political pot is becoming seething cauldron,

All who have tried the voting machine declare that it is cranky

In the matter of abuse, Mr. Hearst is learning that chickens come home to roost.

An exchange tells how "to kill the dust." The best way is to lay it low with water.

The Sultan will be pleased to know that the President is hunting turkeys and not Turkey.

George Ade denies that he is to be married. It is nothing more than a case of Hale and farewell.

Mr. Hearst says that he is proud of the enemies he has made. Let him remember that pride goes before a fall.

Although Commander Peary did not reach the north pole, he stretched his arm farther towards it than any one else ever did.

Secretary Shaw says that "money is dangerously plentiful in summer." This is a greater discovery in finance than Gresham's law

If Sir Thomas Lipton should some time capture the America's cup, would we all think him the jolly good fellow we now proclaim him to be?

In Chicago a judge has decided that a street band that does not play in tune is guilty of a misdemeanor. A street band, playing in or out of tune, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Members of the Stockbreeders' association are very anxious to improve the human race. Paraphrasing the advice to the physician, it may be said,

## ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

New Bedford Standard. New Bedford Standard. From the minister in the pulpit talk-ing abstract politics, with a decided squint toward the support of a party or a candidate, it was not a difficult transition to the layman with a mess-age, and the candidate with a self-ad-vertisement. And from that to the out-and-out political rally was a short and easy step. How anybody can dog-matically decide on a line having on one side desceration and on the other one side desecration and on the other side duty we do not clearly see, though, of course, there may be those who are able to accomplish the feat. We think, ourselves, that Sunday might as well be left free from the clash and clang of the political orators, for the six other days are sufficient in which

to perform that variety of labor; but, on the other hand, if the pulpit is to demand the right—which we are not disposed to deny-to discuss the ethical bearings of political issues, and to apply religious principles to the political duty of citizens, it is not reasonable to deny laymen the same right, even though it be exerted in more directly partisan way.

Boston Transcript. It is generally believed by leaders in the Roman Catholic church that a pa-pal consistory will be held in Decom-ber, just before Christmas. There has been no official statement from the Vatican to this effect, but advices from prelates close to Plus X., sent to friends in America, speak of this com-

friends in America, speak of this com-ing consistory as a matter of course. It is further stated in these advices

It is further stated in these advices that several new cardinals will then be created by the pope, who will also, it is stated, at that time deliver an allocution upon the state of the church, with especial reference to the difficul-ties in France where, it is assumed, the separation law will by that time have been put into effect. American interest in the consistory largely cen-ters around the probability of another American cardinal being then named. American cardinal being then named. Ever since the death in 1885 of Cardi-nal McClosky there has been talk in Catholic circles of the possibility of another cardinal resident in New York, and this discussion continued regardless of the fact that the archbishop of Baltimore was elevated to the carlinalate a few months after Cardinal

dinalate a few months after Cardinal McClosky's death. Now it is almost positively asserted, on the authority of the Roman prelates referred to, that arrangements have already been made for the elevation of Archbishop Farley of New York.

Northwestern Christian Advocate.

The average Christian hardly takes to heart the saying of the apostle, "In everything give thanks," and yet that is as distinctively a command as the more familiar word to pray without ceasing. Many people act as though they had found in the Holy Writ the injunction to growl without ceasing, for they manage somehow to discover a reason for fault-finding in every event and circumstance. We need to be daily reminded that praise is as clear an evidence of plety as prayer. In-deed, it might be discovered that the giving of thanks for all things is as giving of thanks for all things is as promotive as prayer of genuine plety. That remarkable, if eccentric, servani of God, "Billy" Bray, once said: "I lift up one foot and it seems to say, "Glory!" and I lift up the other and it seems to say, 'Amen!" and they keep on like that all the time I walk." He detended himself for always singing, on the ground that his Heavenly Fa-ther liked to hear him sing as well as