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## RELIGION CLASSES ABROAD.

Some time ago considerable hubbub was made in Utah about religion being taught in the public schools, although the allegations, as usual, had no foundation except to the extent that a few school houses had been opened after school hours to religion classes, as they might have been opened for any other worthy object, by the trustees. But a great fuss was made about it, by agitators.

It is interesting, therefore, to learn, from a New York dispatch, that in that city there is a movement to take children from the public schools on one afternoon each week, with the consent of the parents, and give them religious instruction. This movement, it is said, is making more progress in New York City and throughout the country than the projects expected.

Consequently, a committee of arrangements has been named, consisting of a number of reverend gentlemen. In New York City conferences have been held with the school authorities, and they are not opposed to the plan.

The Reverend Doctor G. U. Wenner, a leading Lutheran minister, is quoted as follows:

"The chief difficulty is the fact that the churches are not prepared to receive the children and give them instruction. Many churches have no parish houses. There are no teachers competent who have command of their time. The sentiment favoring it has been so quick to respond that sufficient time has not been available. Working out the plan is now entirely one of detail."

From this it appears that the religion class idea is gaining ground outside of Utah, and that parents and educators even favor the proposition to give one afternoon of the regular school time to such religious instruction as parents or guardians may approve. We expect to see this movement spread all over the country, and when it does, it should be remembered that Utah took the lead in that, as in so many other laudable enterprises.

## LESSONS OF A PLAY.

"The Man of the Hour," the play which has been given to large houses at the Salt Lake Theatre during the week, shows what the stage can do as an educational agency. Very few citizens have a distinct conception of the awful condition to which machine politics can be reduced in this "free" country of ours, when unscrupulous party manipulators succeed in gaining control. The "Man of the Hour" presents, without exaggeration, the picture of such politics, and it cannot but impress the intelligent spectator with the danger of entrusting the conduct of their political affairs to the "bosses," who play politics as if it were a game, a game in which the people are used as dummies, votes as counters, and franchises, or other valuable considerations, such as high offices, as the spoils.

The portrait of the political "boss" in the play is one that ought to be well studied. He is a fellow devoid of all sense of right or wrong, bent only upon the furtherance of his own interests, no matter at what cost to others. He is intensely selfish. An antagonist is in his view, an object to be ruthlessly crushed, body and soul. No one has a right to his own opinions. If anyone has independence enough to think and act according to his own judgment, he must be crushed. Such are his sentiments. They are the sentiments of the hungry beast in the jungle, and not of man made in His image, who is Love. With such bosses, politics is but a war in which the survivors take the "spoils." It is evident that communities in the grasp of such beasts of prey can hope for nothing but evil until they free themselves by means of the ballot. And it should be remembered that when American municipalities are governed by "bosses," when their rights are taken from them, their franchises sold for private profit, their voters bought and their officials—elected not by the people, but by the "bosses"—led like sheep to the slaughter, the fault is theirs who neglect to do their duty as citizens. That is one important lesson of "The Man of the Hour."

It has another. And that is that an official, though elected through the efforts of a party, is not a party official, but the servant of the entire community. He is not responsible to the party, but to the people. His business is not to further party interests but the interests of the citizens. This is a lesson that many need to learn, and until it has been mastered by a majority of the voters, we can expect to find grafters in public offices.

## THE UNEMPLOYED.

The statement of Captain Woods that the names of 500 men of family are on the lists of the Salt Lake Charity association, and the fact that all the other employment agencies show a similar condition as to the increasing numbers of unemployed suggests that something should be done in a large way for their relief.

What might best be undertaken is not evident as yet, though there are many industries or lines of work in which prompt investigation would reveal ample room for profitable employment.

We think the charity organization rightly decided to close its lists and to devote its energies to finding work for those listed, and to stirring into

activity some big proposition which will take care of many men. One dollar and fifty cents per day is all that they ask, and many even are willing to work at a less figure than this. The Japanese on the sewer contract, it is understood, receive from 75 to 85 cents per day.

We notice that in Chicago last Friday plans to raise a fund of \$100,000 for the relief of the unemployed in that city were made at a meeting of 24 of the most prominent men of the city at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Practically every industry in the city was represented, as well as all the large clubs, commercial organizations and charitable associations. Several thousand dollars were pledged and work of organization will be taken up at once. The leaders placed their estimates of unemployed at between 4,500 and 60,000, and of need of pressing need of immediate help. They declared the means at the disposal of charitable organizations were sadly inadequate, but will distribute "the \$100,000 through the existing societies."

An ominous feature of the Chicago situation is disclosed in the report that the chief of police had issued instructions to inspectors and captains to keep their men under notice for instant call and to have department drillmasters to report absences from drill and target practice. He made a personal tour of inspection to stations where rifle squads are kept. Extra rounds of cartridges have been ordered for the department arsenals. The location of Gatling guns and all information necessary concerning them was obtained.

Idleness and destitution frequently lead to theft, crime, and riot. No such situation threatens us here, we hope. Still, now is the time for those who are able to do so, to provide employment and prevent actual want and suffering from entering the homes of workmen. The city, with its depleted treasury and enormous debt can do very little, but private enterprise might follow the lead of Chicago business men.

## PREDICTS WAR.

The most remarkable prediction of a coming conflict between this country and Japan is that credited to Senator Paul Selzer, counselor of the Spanish embassy at Rome. It is remarkable because the author of it is a diplomat who very well knows the importance of public expressions of that nature, and also because of his familiarity with conditions both in this country and Japan. Senator Selzer was formerly a member of the Spanish legation at Washington, and later spent several years as an attaché of the legation at Tokyo. It would not be surprising to learn of his recall from Rome, by his government, for indiscreet language concerning friendly powers.

According to this employee of the Spanish embassy in Rome, war between Japan and the United States is certain to come, and Japan will win. "The Japanese," he says, "with their customary insincerity, are trying to deceive the Americans, and the latter, in their turn either wish to deceive themselves or to conceal their beliefs from the world." He argues that, when the Californians, with their prejudices, feel secure under the protection of the powerful fleet, now on its way to the Pacific, the anti-Japanese sentiment may reach such proportions that the Japanese government will feel unable to restrain the war spirit. Japan, he says, has already anticipated that development, and is preparing for war.

The real cause, he says, is the race to the Portsmouth peace treaty. The Japanese are convinced that this country prevented them from gathering the fruits of the victories over Russia. He says:

"It is also notorious that the president of the Japanese delegation sent to Portsmouth to negotiate the terms of peace in replying to a friend's question as to the conclusion of the preliminary arrangements, said with a smile: 'Certainly, this treaty of peace does not even allow Japan what is required to cover our war expenses; but, never mind, sooner or later somebody else will pay our expenses with accumulated interest.'"

Sensor Selzer, finally, believes that Japan would be victorious over this country. He thinks her naval commanders would sweep our ships from the sea because her fleet is one of the best, manned by crews filled with enthusiasm and excellently trained, under officers inspired by glorious deeds recently achieved. The fleet disposed of, it would, says the Spanish prophet of evil, be an easy task for the Japanese to occupy the Philippines, and even to land 100,000 men in California. America, he argues, cannot avail itself of a strong regular army and the Japanese believe that all these things being considered, they could extract from the rich Americans a heavy indemnity as the price of withdrawal from the United States.

We hope our Spanish friend is mistaken. Still, it would be folly to forget that he has, perhaps, given public expression to a more or less general sentiment in foreign diplomatic circles, indiscreet though his talk may be. It would be folly to forget that diplomats have sources of information to which the public has no access. It should be remembered that for years before the outbreak of the war with Russia rumors predicted that it would come, and some of the rumors were traced to well informed members of European embassies. Russia neglected to prepare herself for the struggle, secure in the belief that Japan would not dare to attempt an attack. Russia paid dearly for her indifference. Her experience should not be lost upon, this country.

Will there be Jim Crow airships?

The Shaw trial has been almost eminently respectable.

Kissing goes by favor and weather predictions by contrary.

The Kentucky senatorial deadlock is, evidently, a time lock.

"Who leads the people?" asks an exchange. Caprice, generally.

If length has anything to do with it, the Aldrich bill should fill the bill.

At present the currency seems to

have a full supply of elasticity on hand.

Carrie Nation says that she expects to meet every brewer in the hereafter. Where?

The Haytian revolution is dead. In reality it never quite got out of the incubator.

In the northwest both parties are apt to put a lower-jumper-rate plank in their platform.

Mr. Cortelyou is getting more free advertising these days than the advance agent of a circus.

Owen Winter has gone into Philadelphia politics. The Virginian should be able to wake up the old town.

Sofas for the Pennsylvania capital were bought by the foot. Footstools probably were bought by the yard.

Governor Hoke Smith is said to be getting awaybacked. We can't believe it. Nothing can sway his backbone, it is so stiff.

That Pennsylvania capitol graft appears to have been the greatest get-rich-quick scheme the country ever knew.

In parliament the impression seems to be that in its legislative program the government has bitten off more than it can "chew."

If they desired to speed the departing guests, Count and Countess Szechenyi should have seen to it that they sailed on the Lusitania.

Why doesn't Mr. Gilbert work the suffragettes and their winsome ways into a comic opera? Fame and fortune await the man who does.

Aurel Batonyi has filed several suits for damages aggregating \$1,500,000, alleging alienation of his wife's affections. She must have been the most affectionate woman in the world.

## AN ODE TO HAIR-SPLITTING.

San Francisco Bulletin.  
Oh, sublime technicality! Oh, exquisite hair-splitting! Oh, elaborate subtle refined to the climax of absurdity, but powerful enough to undo the bolts on the cells of guilty men, to upset the results of a long, expensively conducted trial, conducted painstakingly by competent lawyers and to make a mock of justice and the public! Graft has been legitimated by a solemn decision of the Court of Appeals. The rule of the holy word of three judges, Mighty King Quibble has issued his fiat, and what was deemed wrong is declared right; what was denounced as oppressive and dishonest is found to be infallible authority, voicing itself in some thousands of words of legal hoccus-pocus, to be as lawful as going to church.

## A REAL NATIONAL SONG.

New York Sun.  
Married to the air of "Lauriger Horatius," "My Maryland" became an almost faultless vehicle first of southern aspiration and the state pride of Maryland, even if Maryland refused to "warn the northern scum" as drastically as young Randall hoped, and then a national song with more passion, melody, gaiety, and good red blood than any other that is generally known in the United States. Compared with it "Dixie" however catching seems trivial. "My Maryland" has the genuine call and thrill in it, and it is highly singable and it is understood that the "Star Spangled Banner" is almost unsingable. So James Ryder Randall, after a long life of j u n a s m, bids fair to be long remembered as the maker of a really national song, for "My Maryland" has long lost any sectional connotation.

## BANKING FOR ARMY AND NAVY

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
"It's odd that different sources of bank deposits," remarked George Lomnitz, assistant treasurer of the Citizens' Savings and Trust company, recently. "For example," he said, "we receive thousands of dollars every year from Cleveland men in the army and navy. The amounts range from \$5 a month from privates to \$30 or more from some of the officers. Most of this is sent to us direct from the paymaster of the army or navy, as the case may be. Just now we are getting a lot of money from men in the navy on this cruise to the Pacific. The paymaster makes out a list of the various deposits and sends along a check to cover the total amount. Thus the men draw their pay and deposit it without ever seeing it. Their pass books, in a good many cases, are left right here."

## JUST FOR FUN.

"He says he's wedded to a high tariff."  
"Well?"  
"I take it he didn't marry it to reform it."—Louisville Courier.

Stella—So your father gave you your choice?  
Hella—Yes, he said he would buy me either a count or an auto.—New York Sun.

Patient (to doctor)—This gas is absolutely safe, isn't it?  
Doctor—Don't worry, sir. In these times I couldn't afford to lose a customer.—Wife.

"My wife never pays any attention to what I say."  
"Mine does—sometimes."  
"How do you manage it?"  
"I talk in my sleep."—London Opinion.

Stage Manager (at rehearsal)—But you laughed in the death scene. You mustn't do that.  
Actor—With the salary you give me I can only greet death with joy.—Megendorfer Blatter.

"Do you think horseracing a crime?"  
"Sure."  
"But you owned a string of horses last season."  
"That's just it. I was referring to the way in which my horses raced."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Ah!" exclaimed Miss Patience Gonne, when Mr. Stavlati had been boring with silly conundrums, "that reminds me of the best thing going."  
"What's that?" he asked unsuspectingly.  
"A man who has stayed too long!"—Philadelphia Press.

Murder—When you eloped with George, did you leave a note telling your people where you had gone?  
Catharina—Why, of course. If I hadn't, how would papa have known where to send us any money?—Illustrated Bits.

Brown—John G. Whittier, the Quaker poet, would have been wittier if he had been an Episcopalian.  
Woodson—How do you make that out?  
Brown—Because he would have dropped his "h."—Harper's Weekly.

## A SERMONET FOR WORKERS

[For the "News" by H. J. Hapgood.]

The hardest man in the world to find is the successful salesman. The employer who could successfully define the salesman's qualities and infallibly select the man who possesses them would hold the key to commercial supremacy.

There are men with the indescribable knack which enables them to sell anything from a gold brick to a cake of soap, but there is no outward sign by which they may be recognized. Often the good talker with imposing personality and winning manners fails at the psychological moment when the sale should be consummated, while the man of unshowy appearance, who presents his case haltingly, can "knock the apple off the tree" wherever he attempts to make a sale. The qualities by which a salesman interests a buyer and commands his confidence are too subtle to be described. The one thing certain about good salesmen is that there are not half enough of them to go around. Demands for them are constant and hard to fill.

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