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ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME

In our plea for the taxpayers in the
eastern part of sewer district number
one, in which we set forth the pres-
sure now upon them of a special ad-
valorem tax in addition to the regular
annual taxes, we urged the postponement
of the special tax for sewers until a
more convenient time. That was the
substance of our contention. The pro-
testors against the assessment are not
averse to sewers. They do not admire
the cesspool method any more than do
other folks. They are not against any
needful public improvements. But they
are overburdened just now and
very naturally object to having piled
upon them "the last straw."

We are informed, however, upon good
authority, that while the chief movers
in the proposed extension of the sew-
ers are earnest in their work, and de-
sire of pushing it as fast as possible,
they do not contemplate oppressing the
taxpayers by requiring payment of as-
sessments at present, and at any rate
not before next July. This puts the
matter in a more favorable light, and
to some extent at least meets our con-
tention.

This purpose, or whatever the inten-
tion may be, ought to be made
clear and positive, so that there
may be no misunderstanding about it.
The ordinance or resolution concerning
it should not be left open to miscon-
struction on this point. It should be
well defined. No tax should be levied
for this purpose as payable before the
time when it is to be utilized. Not only
do people object to paying money into
the public treasury to lie there unused
for the purpose designed, but also to
being placed under the weight of an as-
sessment that is not needed until long
after the date named for its payment.

The necessity for sewers in every part
of this city and the abolition of the
cesspool system is not denied by the
great majority of the citizens. There
need be no argument on those points.
We simply asked for time in behalf of
the poorer taxpayers of the district
where the improvement is projected.
The work cannot all be done at once.
It must be undertaken by degrees. So
let there be no assessment levied on the
portions which will be reached later on
until the time when the money will be
needed. Then we believe there will be
very few if any objections to the im-
provement suggested.

VERY POOR TOOLS.

The Caldwell Tribune, a non-Mor-
mon Idaho paper, is roasting the pre-
tended opponents of "Church influence"
to a turn. It shows up their arrant
hypocrisy, their revengeful wrath be-
cause they have failed to secure that
"influence" in their own behalf, and
holds them up to public ridicule and
reprobation. That paper also has
something to say about the tools that
Dubs is using for his political work,
and we copy a portion of the editorial
on this subject, omitting some person-
alities that do not signify much in an
argumentative way. The following
however are pertinent to the question
at issue. We have no comment to add.
The Caldwell Tribune says:

"We understand that the Stalker
who is abroad with Senator Dubois is
only 30 years of age. If that is
correct, he must draw on imagination
or tradition for information on the sub-
ject of Mormon persecutions. He was
but eight or nine years of age when
the terminus of the Utah Northern
Railway was at Franklin, and Frank-
lin then was a red hot wide open
burg. It has not been close shut since.
The papers report Stalker as charging
that the Mormons erect whipping posts
in their back yards, where, to gratify
their brutality, they beat their chil-
dren to insensibility. We may say of
this young man that he is a more
picturesque if a less decadent novel-
ist than the Rev. B. F. Clay. Stalker
also charges that "Mormon" women
would be dragged to the shambles and
butchered like cattle if they refused to
live in polygamy. If Alexander Stalker
should hear his son talk like that, he
would wrap the boy's neck. Such
charges cannot be taken seriously.

In this connection we would like to
say to Senator Dubois that he has
shown very poor judgment in the
selection of material with which to wage
a campaign for the purity of the home
and the morals of the state. The men
he has chosen to perform as expositors
of "Mormonism" have neither the sense
nor the knowledge to acquit themselves
credibly. When young Stalker talks
of brutality to "Mormon" children and
murder of "Mormon" women, and when
Rev. Clay charges wholesale sexual de-
bauchery on "Mormon" girls, decent peo-
ple turn away in loathing and disgust.
What does Rev. Clay know about the
"Mormon" girls? Has he ever laid
siege to the citadel of their virtue
that he now brings from experience? If
so, let him bring forth a dozen trophies
of his amorous adventures, then we
will join him in his crusade against the
degradation of women and the defile-
ment of homes.

IN MEMORY OF ZOLA.

When Emile Zola took up the Dreyfus
case, and hurled against high govern-
ment officials his famous "J'accuse,"
a great many critics smiled contemptu-
ously, and made him the object of their
irony. The Dreyfus case is set-
tled, they said; Zola has hurled ag-

cusations against France. But some-
times a word forms a nucleus around
which epochs of history develop, like
the luminous centers in the nebulae
of which worlds are evolved. Lather little
knew what his words would lead to,
when he posted his theses on the door
of the cathedral. As little did Zola, and
his friends, realize the extent of the
movement started by the "J'accuse" of
the popular author. But it appears that
the friends of Zola, aroused by that
call to arms, have formed a "League of
the Rights of Man," with the object
sufficiently indicated in that name. This
league celebrated, recently, the Zola
anniversary by a gathering in which
thousands took part. Among the trib-
utes paid to the memory of Zola was
a letter from M. Anatole France, in
which the writer said, in part:

"He accomplished a revolutionary act
of incalculable power, the liberal
effects of which have not ceased to be
experienced in our moral and political
life and are even making themselves
felt in foreign lands. His courage and
his rectitude placed him in the front
rank of that little group of men who
in wicked times (dans des temps acide-
s) struggled in the cause of justice."
It was the time when the min-
ister of war, M. Cavaignac, communi-
cated to his colleagues his project of
prosecuting for treason before the high
court all the defenders of Dreyfus, in-
cluding his counsel, Demange and In-
bert. Much remains to be
done, but let us not lose courage."

A "League of the Rights of Man" is
one of the great needs of the age. Its
opportunities for good should be prac-
tically unlimited.

MARRIAGE COMPLICATIONS.

That the question of marriage and
divorce needs the most earnest con-
sideration in this country, by both
ecclesiastical and secular representa-
tives, is evident from the compli-
cations that sometimes arise, as
well as from the confusion caused
by the numerous separations of hus-
band and wife. Only a few days ago,
the papers told about the case of one
Mrs. Ailine Stocking Clarke, a mem-
ber of the Catholic church, who had
secured a divorce from her husband
and obtained permission to remarry.

The dispensation was granted through
the archbishop of New York, on the
ground that Mrs. Clarke was not mar-
ried to her first husband because he
had never been baptized. The marriage
was, therefore, declared to be
null and void under the impediment
known as the "disparity of worship,"
and Mrs. Clarke was looked upon as
a person never married. The papers
also published the statement that
Laura Trumbull-Wymer, who was
married to Jacob Wymer, was not
Wymer's wife because Wymer had a
wife living, from whom, however,
he had been divorced by the civil
courts. Up to a few weeks before
his marriage to Miss Trumbull,
Wymer was a member of the Luther-
an church, which communion he for-
sook and united with the Catholic
church, in which he was baptized a
couple of months before his last mar-
riage. Miss Trumbull, it was said,
does not recognize her marriage to
her husband as lawful. She hopes,
however, to secure a dispensation
from the pope legalizing it. She
says: "Now that Jacob is a Catholic,
and we were married by the bishop,
it does seem that we are really mar-
ried." We have no fault to find with
the beliefs and practices of the Cath-
olic church, or any other church, in
this matter. The Catholic church es-
pecially is to be commended for her
earnest efforts to build the home and
family upon consecrated ground. But
the instances related seem to prove
the general necessity of a better un-
derstanding of the subject. Some com-
mon ground must be found upon
which the church and the state can
meet on a question in which both are
equally interested.

ALSO A PROCLAMATION.

A contemporary quotes the following
proclamation, which is said to have
been issued by the king of France in
the year 1865, to his Canadian subjects:

"In future all the inhabitants of the
said country of Canada who shall have
living children to the number of ten,
born in lawful wedlock, not being
priests or nuns, shall be paid out of the
monies sent by His Majesty to the said
country a pension of 200 livres a year,
and those who shall have twelve chil-
dren a pension of 400 livres, and that
to this effect they shall be required
to declare the number of their children
every year in the months of June and
July to the Intendant of Justice, Police
and Finance established in the said
country, who, having verified the same,
shall order the payment of said pen-
sions, one-half in cash and the other
half at the end of each year."

In those "dark" ages, kings and po-
tentates had time to consider questions
of that nature, and even money to en-
courage home-builders. In our en-
lightened age, nearly every country un-
der the sun has so heavy expenditures
for military equipments, and wars,
past or present, that they have but lit-
tle left for other purposes.

BLACKLIST AND BOYCOTT.

The report of the Episcopal house of
bishops' standing committee on the re-
lations of capital and labor, is an able
document, reaching almost if not quite
to the plane of statesmanship. The
following from that report should be
posted in a conspicuous place in the
office of every capitalist, in the hall of
every labor union. Here it is:

"We call attention to the analogy be-
tween certain offenses of the union and
like offenses, past or present, of both the
capitalist and the churchman. Thus
the employers' blacklist corresponds to
the unions' boycott. The lockout and
the strike are of the same nature. The
question of the closed shop is like the
question of the closed state. Men whose
Portian ancestors strove to maintain a
state whose privileges should belong
only to members of the church, ought
to be able to understand the struggle of
their brethren and to maintain a shop
in which no man shall serve except a
member of the union. They may not
agree with these brethren, but they
ought to appreciate their self-sacrifice.
The laborer has learned from the cap-
italist to despise order and break law.
He has learned from the churchman
to pursue the dissenter with menace
and violence. The recent tragedies in
Colorado do not follow at far distance
the massacres which in the six-

teenth century ensued upon the with-
drawal of Holland from the ecclesiasti-
cal union."

AT THEIR PROPER VALUE.

The Portland Oregonian of Oct. 17
has this to say about the schemes of
certain politicians in neighboring
states:

"Turner of Washington and Dubois of
Idaho are professional politicians, ever
on a desperate hunt for political ex-
pédients. Their advocacy of silver, in
which neither of them was sincere, be-
cause both knew better, led them to
complete political bankruptcy; and now
they are trying to retrieve or recover
through new devices, invented and
forced merely for the purpose of keep-
ing themselves in politics further. Sil-
ver was their scheme till it was com-
pletely played out. They went about
declaring it the one supreme question,
transcending every other, on which the
life of the country and even the main-
tenance of civilization, depended. But
the ground was soon cut from under
this absurd and silly contention, and
Turner and Dubois were buried in the
"sleekens," from which they are now
trying to emerge or crawl out, on other
issues, quite as fictitious, if not so dan-
gerous. Turner passes from the great
silver question to an assault on the
railroads, because it is the best he
can do," while Dubois for a like reason
takes the expedient of an attack on the
Mormon element of the population of
Idaho. Men of this description never
get more than occasional successes,
but cannot care for reputation, and
probably are satisfied with a perish-
able notoriety."

A man is known by the company he
keeps.

The chief issue of the war thus far
has been more bonds.

"Do we go up? Up we do go," say
most of the local stocks.

The true remedy for school strikes is
the old-fashioned slipper.

The weather is too beautiful for peo-
ple to get excited over politics.

The farmers dread the smelter smoke
more than they do the fiery furnace.

The only real Indian summer to be
found nowadays is on the reservations.

The dispenser of soda water recog-
nizes the hopeful sign sooner than any
one.

Senator Culberson and Senator Lodge
must regard each other as "offensive
partisans."

Neither Othello nor Kuropatkin can
say of the other that he has had a fight
but wasn't in it.

"Feetures—War and Football." A P.
schedule. Why both? The one word
—war—tells it all.

In hammering away at his center,
Oyama is undoubtedly trying to get in
the famous solar plexus blow on Kuro-
patkin.

Last year the Kansas cows produced
forty-three million pounds of butter.
What's the matter with Kansas? She's
all right.

Judge Parker is developing quite a
capacity for public speaking. It is a
habit that soon grows on a man and
is hard to lay aside.

Mr. Cleveland's remarks on the sup-
pression of trusts and combines indi-
cate that he doesn't believe that one
swallow makes a summer.

Mr. Bryan, in harking back to the
platforms on which he ran, makes it
plain that he ignores the behest, "let
the dead bury their dead."

The Baltic fleet is in the North sea.
But that is a long, long way from the
South sea, through which it must sail
before reaching its destination.

The losses of Japanese and Russians
in the ten days' battles below Mukden
are estimated at eighty thousand.
These losses, surely, are nobody's gain.

Vice Presidential Candidate Tibbles'
letter of acceptance has not yet been
given out. The usual injunction, "Hold
until released," seems to have been
scrupulously obeyed.

It is rumored in Berlin that the Black
Sea fleet may pass through the Darda-
nelles and accompany the Baltic fleet
to the Orient. If this is so it probably
is on the theory that "misery loves
company."

Is Russia doomed to destruction? It
would seem, for it is said that those
whom the gods would destroy they first
make mad. And what could be mad-
der than for the Russian fleet to fire
upon the English fishing fleet off Hull?

"Ah Goo!"

Boston Herald.
"The Gaa's baby having inspected the
Baltic fleet and pronounced it "Ah
Goo!" Admiral Berleff says he will sail
at once. We are accustomed to Amer-
ican infant precocity, and, therefore,
regard Alexis' criticism as nothing re-
markable, but it is feared this six-
week-old has let his feelings run
away with his judgment. However,
youth is always impulsive, and he
doubtless realized that something ex-
traordinary was expected from the heir
apparent. Besides, new brooms al-
ways sweep clean."

LAKE MOHON CONFERENCE.

Springfield Republican.
The Lake Mohon conference became
of age last year, and its 22nd annual
meeting is set for the week—Oct. 19-21.
That its annual discussions of Indian
affairs have been of help in promoting
such better conditions and policies as
have been brought about, we all know.
It is now proposed to enlarge the field
to be considered so as to include the
well being of the people of the Philip-
pines, Porto Rico and Hawaii. To this
end a new line of speakers will be called
in—Dr. F. W. Atkinson and Prof. E.
B. Bryan, former superintendents of
public instruction in the Philippines;
W. Leon Pepperman, formerly civil ser-
vice commissioner there; J. H. Hollan-
der, ex-treasurer of Porto Rico, and
Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh and Samuel
McCune Lindsay, superintendents of
Porto Rican education. It is given out
that questions affecting these peoples
having "a purely political bearing" will
be ruled out.

A RAVAGING DISEASE.

New York Medical Journal.
Biggs estimates that New York City
sustains an annual economic loss of

\$25,000,000; and that the nation at large
must sustain an annual loss of \$30,000,-
000 because of tuberculosis. There are
yearly 10,000 deaths from consumption
in New York City. Seven thousand
persons died in Illinois in 1903, half of
them between the ages of 20 and 30
years, while the estimated loss to that
state alone, because of this disease, was
\$36,000,000, and the medical authorities
of that state have found that consump-
tion is responsible for more deaths than
typhoid fever, scarlet fever, diphtheria,
all forms of bronchitis, influenza, mea-
sles and smallpox combined.

THE CONNECTICUT.

Chicago News.

The way in which the work was ex-
ecuted indicates, also, that the men in
the plot were skilled mechanics, who
not only were able to use the tools of
the steel worker intelligently, but were
familiar with ship-building processes.
They evidently knew how the maximum
of damage could be inflicted with the
minimum of risk of detection. Further-
more, the evidence is strong that they
were some incentive far greater than
that which usually animates the
"crank" or the person with a grudge
to satisfy. Presumably the government
will spare no effort to get at the facts
in the case. If there are any persons
whose objection to the building of bat-
tleships in government yards is so
strong as to lead them into such daring
schemes, the nation has need to know
of it. Men who would try to wreck one
battleship while in construction might
not have any very powerful scruples
against wrecking others whether in
dry dock or afloat.

Washington Post.

It is only too evident that this plot
is malign and wicked beyond words,
and that it can not possibly be traced
to any sincere, unselfish impulse. The
design is clearly and definitely visible
—a design of murder and destruction;
the design of a wanton monster such as
is recorded only in mythology. We can
not believe that the guilty ones will
escape. We can not imagine that the
United States government, with all the
machinery for detection at its disposal
and with so many indications as to the
actuating motive, will long be at fault
as regards the proper path to follow.
All the circumstances go to show that
the destruction of the Connecticut has
not been essayed by lunatics or half-
witted dupes, and the identification of
the true starting point for intelligent
pursuit seems anything but difficult.

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