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FOR SOBER CITIZENS.

The most important measure for the benefit, comfort, necessities and growth of Salt Lake City, is the bringing into use a sufficient quantity of pure water to supply present and future needs. approved by the best scientific enginpering talent we have amongst us. The legal phases of the proposition have also been passed upon by eminent legal authorities and officials, and pronounced sound and complete. The prospects are splendld for the practical completion of this water scheme, and if it is not interrupted the desired supply will be furnished to the city by midsummer of next year.

This ought to be good news to every permanent dweller within the city limlts. But, strange to say, an organization has been effected which has for one of its chief purposes the blocking of the way of this great enterprise and the prevention of its consummation. If the holding office or obtaining public employment, nobody as yet has been able to discover it.

Of course we understand that the view the wreaking of revenge upon what they call the "Hierarchy," because they could not obtain the acclesiastical them into official stations, but that amounts to little else but denunciation. misrepresentation and abuse, to an extent that has disgusted even the oppononts of the "Mormon" faith and every citizen with the least claim to common decency. So that may be waived from present consideration.

habitants of Salt Lake City, whether it would be rational on their part to support any one of the faction that opposes the plans devised for that full water supply, which has been contemplated for many years and is now in process of practical completion? Would it not be a mark of imbecility on the part of permanent citizens here to identify themselves with a movement to block the way to the accomplishment of that which we have all looked for as a solution of a vital question? This city cannot grow in numbers, enterprise, wealth and influence until the water problem is definitely solved. It will be, if the measure now in working order goes on to completion.

Here is something for all stable and same citizens to think about. They should not be carried away by false cries, foolish promises and Jack-o-lantern aliusions as to "booms," great rush of population and of capital, which certainly can never be realized until the water question is permanently seifled. This matter should be kept in view when the faction that is built upon hate, vituperation and opposition to the only effectual measure for the water supply which is absolutely essential to the progress and upbuilding of the municipality, calls for votes at the polis, and aid to its struggle to grasp the reins of civic power and break down the efforts that have been put forth to make it possible for this city to fulfill its grand destiny. Don't be blinded by the dust kicked up by the enemies of the water project!

POLYGAMY IN NEW YORK.

The attention of the ladies who are so excited about Utah affairs, of which they are totally ignorant, or woefully misinformed, is respectfully called to tolerated in the great state of New York. If our information on the subject is in accordance with facts, a wife, or a husband, who is described and has been in that state of loneliness for five years, is permitted to remarry, and this second marriage is valid, even if the deserter returns. Then, updissolved, by a court; but if no steps complaint is made by the interested are heard against this anomaly. It is not pregnant with resolutions against such a "menace" to the home. What | agree on more testimony to the black, bottomless, infernal bypocrisy, of the anti-"Mormon" agitation is needed than the silence about conditions outside of Utah! We do not criticise the New York custom. We consider it nobady's business, as long as the people of that state are satisfied with it, and, moreover, when the parties interested agree, is probably as good a solution of a delicate

evident proposition, that polygamy having been abolished in Utah, as all people here know, and all honest oftizens freely admit, the few isolated cases of plural cohabitation which may still exist as a remnant of previous conditions, are no more of a menace to the pusity of the American home in general, than are the few cases of bural cohabitation that may be found and tolerated in the state of New York, over the country, and not least notoriously in the camp of the prominent anti-"Mormons." Let all have a fair and square deal. We ask no more.

AN APPRECIATIVE LETTER.

Readers of the Deseret News are aware that John P. Meakin, who is prominently associated with a number of fraternal orders and who is a gifted public speaker and reciter, has been ecturing in the Eastern States on subwhich many people entertain concern. | the present instance. ing "Mormonism," One of these articles appeared in the Cleveland papers and attracted much attention. following letter received by Mr. Meakin shows in what esteem that article is held by persons familiar with affairs in this State. We copy it with pleasure and appreciate the efforts of our fellow citizen while on his travels to do justice to the people who founded Such a plan has been devised, and is Utah and who are worthy of all his encomiums:

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 25, 1905. John P. Meakin, Esq., My Dear Sir:—L'ermit me as a hu-manitarian to thank you for the article on Mormonism. I endorse every word of it. It occupies high Christian ground and it is absolutely true as I discovered years ago while publishing a paper at Denver, Colorado, and payng a personal visit for the purpose of learning the exact truth. You have done humanity a great service by stating facts. Yours very truly. (Signed) HUGO PREYER.

A CAPITAL CHOSEN.

The Australians have finally, after a controversy lasting for years, settled the question of a permanent capital. so-called "American" faction has any. Naturally the choice would have been thing in the way of a policy but this, either Sydney, or Melbourne, or some except to debar any "Mormon" from other large city, but jealousy between these has prevented either from obtaining the votes necessary. The selection was finally left with a commission representing the various states of promoters of the organization have in the commonwealth. This commission was not quite free in its choice of a site. It had to limit itself to towns in New South Wales, the mother colinfluence which they craved to help ony, and could not go any nearer to Sydney than 100 miles,

As an illustration of how they do things in Australia, it can be stated that the site chosen-Dagelty is the name-is but an insignificant village. It lies between Melbourne and Sydney, and is thirty-two miles from the nearest railway station, with a population of but 200 souls. It is thought that it will cost at least \$25,000,000 to purchase the land and a water supply, to erect public buildings and construct a railroad, before Dalgety can be fitted for sessions of the Australian Parliament. It is about sixty-five miles from the sea, situated upon the Snowy River, with picturesque surroundings. The altitude is 2.650 feet above the sea, and in winter the weather is very cold, Presumably the location has been selected because it was thought impossible that it could ever become a commercial rival of the larger cities.

THE SCANDINAVIAN UNION

The Scandinavian question now being settled, by the acceptance of the dissolution of the union as a fait accompli, a brief review of the past may not be without interest.

As students of Scandinavian history know, the three countries of northern Europe were once united in what was known as the Union of Calmar. Sweden broke this compact and selected her own king, while Denmark and Norway remained united under one govern-

After the fall of Napoleon, Norway was forcibly tern away from Denmark and the union with Sweden was formed in 1814, not without serious difficulties, because the Norwegians preferred to stand alone. The act of union as agreed on put the two kingdoms on an equal footing, save that the king could in his absence from Norway appoint a viceroy, either a Swede or a Norwegian

This was the occasion of one of the first disagreements. In 1873 the Norwegians felt that they were in a measare humiliated by having a vice-governor appointed over them. The king life. then applied a Norwegian, Count Hedel-Jarlsberg; but being still dissatisthe fact that both polygyny and poly- fied, an amendment was signed by the andry are, under certain circumstances | king abolishing this royal prerogative.

Previous to this there had been some trouble because the Norwegians objected to having a "nobility." The parliament, however, won in this contention, as in every other, and the nobilling was abolished.

The question of the king's veto in constitutional questions occupied the on proper petition it may be declared statesmen of the two countries for many years. The Swedes generally are taken to readjust matters, and no held that the constitution was a contract between the king and the people parties, one husband may have more prescribing the terms of the union. Acthan one wife, or, one wife may have more than one husband in New York.

The children are entitled to inheritance, and both wires to days to days to the consent of both parties. The children are entitled to inheritance, and both wires to days to the consent of both parties. The cold that every one handled it, and finally it was tredden under foot. tance, and both wires to dower. It is punished the Norwegian counselors of passing strange that no female protests state for siding with the king. This question being settled, the majority of a marvel that the churches there are the parliament were all-powerful and could pass any measure they might

> The first step was to abolish the union mark in the flag. The next was to demand a separate foreign representation, and when this was not compiled with unconditionally, to declare the union dissolved.

Norway will now elect a king, in all probability Prince Charles of Denmark. Sweden will notify the powers that the problem, as can be found under the union is, by mutual consent, declared exposition at Portland will have a sur-

circumstances. But we submit the self- non-existent, and they will then be at liberty to open independent diplomatic negotiations with Norway through her accredited representatives.

There will be no Scandinavian alliance at present. That is almost certain. Sweden is said to have opened negotiations with Germany looking toward a closer rapproachment between the two countries. What leanings Norway will develop is at yet uncertain,

Both countries have, during the past and far less so, than the innumerable century, developed at a most wondercases of illegal practices common all ful rate. They have been able to keep in the front ranks of civilized nations. The blessings of peace have been innumerable. There is no reason why they should not continue to enjoy those blessings, provided they avoid international strife and the dangers of taking part in the diplomatic contests of their powerful neighbors. A remarkable religious revival is said to have followed the political events on the Scandinavian peninsula. A writer in the London Quarterly Review says a "genuine revival" is in progress in Christiania. jects connected with the societies that and is slowly spreading through the he represents. At the same time he country. The evangelical ministers has occasionally delivered a lecture and the secretary of state for the about Utah and the "Mormons," There church, are actively supporting the has also appeared communications work. Such "revivals" sometimes prefrom him to the press, which have cede wars and other visitations. We undoubtedly corrected the false ideas | hope this may not prove the case in

Was that house at Albany a house of

Concliffe had money to burn, and burned it; but it wasn't his.

As was to have been expected, the South is giving the President a warm

Some of the city employes are pumping water and some are pumping vot-

There must be more diamonds in New York than in South Africa, to read of the thefts of them.

Cole Younger is going to become a promoter. In a way it is but another form of his old business.

uine forty-niner. His stage career lasted just forty-nine years. Life insurance companies' legal ex-

The late Sir Henry Irving was a gen-

penses cover a much bigger multitude of sins than charity ever did. There seems to be a new Albany re-

gency. But its sole alm is the procurement of honest legislation. There is talk of reorganizing the Japanese army. It will be easy to re-

organize it, but very hard to improve

Richard H. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance company, writes poetry. No comment is neces-

"Yes, it is true, the country is food drunk," says Thomas A. Edison. He should have stated whether the food is pure or adulterated.

If radium really does cure cancer it should be applied to the ulcers that ap pear on the body politic in various parts of the country.

At Raleigh the President served notice on Congress that he is decidedly in favor of railroad legislation. He will "stand pat" on this, too,

Charles Dana Gibson is going to Europe to become a portrait painter in colors. Just fancy a Gibson girl in colors! It is hardly a pleasing fancy.

If Dougherty is convicted on all those indictments, and he has the courage of his convictions, he will have the most courage of any man in the world,

It was the enterprise of some Pennsylvania politicians that ruined the Enterprise National Bank of Allegheny, There is such a thing as being too on-

It is said that the reason why Governor-General Wright will retire is that race prejudice unfits him for the Philippines. Is it quite certain that it is not race prejudice that unfits the Filipinos for independent self-government?

President James of the University of Illinois proposes to make that institution a "civil service university," preparing young men for federal and state positions to be its chief aim. "Civil service university" students in howto-secure-federal-appointments courses will go to Ohlo for post graduate work.

THE TOO SIMPLE LIFE.

Ladies' Field. The charm of the "simple life" no doubt is great, but toe first necessity for its success is that it should be made quite as comfortable as the complex

THE SHLY SEASON DEFENDED.

The Illustrated London News. That the silly season is really the serious season is very clearly shown in newspapers. In the silly season we suddenly lose interest in all frivolities, and we suddenly become interested in controversies of which the contributors may be drivelling enough, but of which the problems are not drivelling at all. The silly season is the only time when we are not silly.

RUSSIAN LAW.

New York American, In Russia laws are made to be brok-n. A native critic said that Russian legislation was like a horseshoe

HAPPY NAVIL OFFICERS.

Blackwood's Magazine, The difference is very marked be-tween English officers who go to sea early and those of other nationalities who do not. Not long since an interwho do not. Not long since an inter-national squadron was assembled in the same waters for several months. Foreign observers remarked of it that the British officers appeared to be hap-py and contented whereas the others were quite the reverse, and were long-ing to get home.

MONEY NO OBJECT.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat. It is stated that the Lewis and Clark plus sufficient to pay back stockholders over 25 per cent of their subscriptions. St. Louisans have given little thought to the amount to be returned on their stock in the world's fair. They set out to give the greatest of internatio al expositions, and the success of their effort is glory enough, regardless of the final details of bookkeeping.

NEAR HIS FINISH.

Wordester Gazette. Castro is nearing the brink. He has been making monkey grimaces at Uncle Sam and at the Frenchmen across the seas. And all the while, the sand in the glass of fate has run swiftly out. His fluish has been so long in sight and so unmistakable in outline that he has grewn used to the sight of it and has tickled the nose of Destiny in an appurent endeavor to hasten matters. Already the earth crumbles under his feet; his toes hang over the edge.

TO "REVISE" BRUTALITY.

San Francisco Chronicle. President Roosevelt is reported to have expressed his intention to co-op-erate with the faculties of the Amerof intercologists or revise the brutality out of intercologists football. He has doubteless been prompted to take this step because his son was injured and carried off the gridfron in the Harvard university football team's first trial match. The President's opposition to the brutalities of the grame which have the brutalities of the game which have long been notorious, would have been more effective, we opine, if he had projected ugainst his son participating in the trial matches of his college, on the ground that the game as played is overstrenuous and should be prohibited.

CIGARETTE FIENDS.

Worcester Gazette. The cigarette problem is one of the most serious which faces the parents and teachers of America today. It is fact beyond dispute, that the boy smokes algarettes is not able to keep up to the average, mentally or physi-cally. In extreme cases, there is a ten-dency to criminality. The boy's mind is appealed to by an evil influence. The is appealed to by an evil influence. The confirmed cigaret smoker is not a merely mischlevous boy. He is unnistakably vicious. In dealing with juvenile incorrigibles, in New York city, the officers assigned to the task have learned to look at the hands of every boy who comes into their care. In nearly every case where the culprit is especially unruly, an examination of the boy's hands shows the characteristic yellowed fingers of the cigaret flend.

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