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"MORMONISM" IS LIBERTY.

municant, nor to interfere with his or audience. her freedom of action, in business in politics or in anything else.

The misrepresentations of its opponents, through the pulpit and the press, principles of their faith

any kind of coercion or dictation in President were able to win out and sesuch matters. All that has been al- cure what he is after. ed he speaks the exact truth. It may be that some strong partisans, on either side, ocasionally convey to others the impression that the Church authorities favor certain candidates for public office, doing so on the strength jected to by persons who entertain contrary views to those thus conveyed, and be strongly denounced as unwarranted interference. But this is certain; no one has a right to represent to any member of the Church of Jesus under obligation to vote this way or preciated. that, or that he will be under disgrace

or censure if he does not comply, There is nothing in the doctrine or the discipline of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints that countenances or justifies any such compulsory action or influence. It has no doubt occurred that sealous and extrems partisans have resorted to that which is called "whispering," in order to effect the purposes and objects of the party or faction which they represent, and this has been done by persons called "outsiders" as well as: by "malders" of the Church. All that, however, is extraneous to the spirit and teachings of the Church and is not to be counted as authoritative. When a man objects to the pretense of "Church Influence" of which some individuals may have been guilty, and at the same time proclaims the truth that least degree.

euthorities, at a certain period in the privilege of kicking, as one of the Conhistory of the State, promised that They would no longer exercise political domination or interfere with the affairs of the State," That is one of the gross misrepresentations of cuming twisters of language. No such pledge or premise was ever given, because no such unrighteous dominion was ever exercised by the Church authorities. When asked if it was their intention to abstain from interference with the liberties of members of the Church, they answered directly in the affirmative, but they never committed thereselves to the felly and fairchood of admitting the charges of domination in Germany, to settle the Morocco affair. political affairs, which had been ut- German papers loudly demand that the tered by their foes.

have been made by the present mus. did not arise. Britain would have done; ligners of the Church, they have not whether if France, a year ago, had been able to produce a single case of challenged war with Germany on the compulsion or dictation in politics by Morocco question, Great Britain would the presiding authorities of this Church. have seized the Kiel canal and dumped Indeed, so far as the present head of 100,000 soldiers on the coast of Gerthe Church is concerned, no living be- | many? ing can truthfully say that he hus at- The excitement at this time about tempted to dictate the political con- what might have happened months ago, duct of Church members, or even given is about as funny as the grief of the advice that they should vote for any bachelor meditating on the possibility individual running for public office. The of death depriving him of his sweet fact recently set forth by a local jour- baby, should be ever get married and nalistic traducer of the "Mormon" | become the proud father of a child. It Church, that citizens here have the se- is just as rational. But it is called cret ballot and therefore may vote as forth by a desire of the imperial governthey choose without any other person ment to obtain large appropriations for becoming aware of how or for whom naval purposes. And that is, probably, they vote, is in itself a sufficient, the secret of the disclosures of the May refutation of the charge than any one | tin. Who can say, with truth, that |

here is compelled to vote at the dictation of another.

The people of this city and of the for more money for war purposes? dom or in any nation under the firmament of heaven

The Latter-day Saints are a libertyloving and liberty-exercising body of religious worshippers, and one of the fundamental principles and articles of their faith is: "We claim the privilege of worshipping Almighty God according to the dictates of our conscience, and allow all men the same privilege, let them worship baw, where or what they may." And this principle extends to the recognition of human liberty in all things, up to the line where it would infringe upon the rights of others. That is "Mormonism" pure and simple, no matter what its opponents may say to the contrary.

### A GREAT EVENT.

We again remind the people of this city of the grand concert to be given in the Tabernacle on Friday evening with other celebrated vocalists, and to keep the wind away. the grantest living cellist, assisted by the Tabernacle choir and the grand or-Everybody who knows anything of gan, will present selections of excepthe actual workings of "Mormonism" | tional beauty and attraction. The de- ular with Chicago spinsters. and its fundamental principles, under- | mand for seats has been large, but the stands that it supports civil and re- building will accommodate such a wast ligious liberty to the fullest rational sudience that everybody who desires extent. The "Mormon" Church, as it to attend will find room under its is popularly called is composed of spacious roof. It is a matter of remembers who have entered it volun- gret that this famous vocalist can only tarily and remain in it or leave it at stay in the city to give one performwill. There is no power in it or claim- ance. Her presence is an honor to the ed by it to compel obedience to its dis- city, and we bespeak for her a royal the lack of a conscience creates a probcipline against the wish of any com- welcome and a great and appreciative | lem.

### RAILROAD RATE REGULATION

Mr. Walter Wellman, in a recent lethave impressed upon the public mind | ter to the Chicago Record-Herald, says an altogether erroneous idea concern- the opinion prevails in Washington, ing this matter. It is proclaimed far that President Roosevelt's alleged legand wide that the Church dictates the islative program on the questions of political course of its members, as well | rallway rate regulation, supervision of as their vocations in life. This is ut- life insurance, and the practical appliterly untrue. By the term "The cation of the Monroe doctrine, is likely Church," we suppose its traducers to meet with many difficulties. On the mean its presiding authorities. The question of rate regulation it is thought Church itself is composed of adherents that Congress will do something, but of different political parties, and of not what the President wants; that a some individuals who do not affiliate | bill will be passed, but that it will not with any organized party, but support | place rate making power in the hands such men and measures as they choose | of the interstate commerce commission to vote for. In this they exercise that or some other body created by Congress liberty which is assured to them by the | to deal with the subject, and therefore Constitution of the country and by the | meeting the requirements of the Constitution. The most active observers in The presiding authorities of the and near Congress would be much sur-Church make no claim of a right to use prised, we are told, if in the end the

leged to the contrary is a mistake or a The question of rate regulation is one wilful falsehood. When a "Mormon" of great importance, especially to the speaker declares before a public audi. Western part of the country, and the tion, was anything but gracious. In ence that which we have here affirm- wonder is that the Western press does not more freely express the opinion prevalent among the people of the West. The railroads have been, and are now, most important factors in the development of this vast region. Settlement follows the lines of transportation. of their own desires. This may be ob- as unvaryingly as trade is said to follow the flag. Rallroad managers are keep observers of the possibilities of a country, and they hasten the development of those possibilities. Compare sections with no railroad facilities with those traversed by the steam horse, and Christ of Latter-day Saints that he is | the force of that statement will be ap-

The question is, what incentive would the railroads have to build new lines into undeveloped territory, with a view to future profit, if someone not connected with the roads were nuthorized to say what the rate on every pound of freight is to be, as well as on passenger traffic? That is one of the importaut questions connected with this intricate problem. In Europe many of the states have undertaken the railroad building because of the lack of private enterprise and capital. They have incurred debts for that purpose, and properly regulate the rates, in order to meet the obligations. The power to reguinte rates must, it seems to us, naturally belong to the management. If the government undertakes one part of the management, it should be prepared to assume the whole of it.

It will not be denied that the public, the properly constituted authorities of in some instances, have a grievance the Church do not attempt to exercise | against railroads in the discrimination influence over their followers, he does against certain localities, in the internot thereby contradict himself in the est of others. But this objection is small, compared to the actual benefits enjoyed. The Americans claim the the enjoyment of happiness, but even the most fantastic kickers would hate to see even the poorest railroad service discontinued, and freight hauling by teams re-established.

### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

From the press dispatches it would appear that there is great commotion in sures by the Parls Matin, to the effect that Great Britain, some time ago, of fored to assist France in a war with government call on Great Britain to With all the positive assertions that explain what, in a contingency which

they were not inspired from Berlin, for the purpose of aiding the auftation

country at large ought to exercise a lit- Advices from the German capital to tle common sense on this subject, even | London describe the Kalser as "alterthough their prejudices run high nately depressed and enroged by the apagainst the Church of Jesus Christ of proval given by the nations to the An, Latter-day Saints, and in spite of the glo-Japanese alliance." He feels that misinformation that has been spread he has been outgeneraled. The may abroad over the land. The members | be good reading matter in London, but, of this Church are as free in politics to all appearances, the German Emand in their ways of making a living peror has the political situation well in as are any people in this land of free- , hand, and his influence seems to be very nearly omnipresent.

> Football reform is a thing hoped for but not seen.

> Signs of the times-political headquarters banners.

Mr. McCurdy believes in standing pat -on the witness stand.

The bad weather of yesterday was fleeting as well as sleeting.

Life insurance funds should all be marked, "Handle with care,"

The hand of affliction lies heavy on New York. It is the Black Hand.

It is no use for Secretary Shaw to play for the President's support. Taft

Sir Henry Irving's body has been creof this week. Madame Emma Eames, mated. Now it is fit to stop a hole

> The Anti Age Limit league has been formed in Chicago. It should be pop-

It seems as though one could not handle asphalt any more than pitch without having the hands defiled.

Rev. Lyman Abbott says that it is the American conscience that creates the Indian problem. And some times

Counsel Hughes is making fame, lots of friends, and some enemies. And this is because he is not "on the

"O suns and skies and clouds of June, And flowers of June together, Ye cannot rival for one hour October's bright blue weather."

The judge of the juvenile court has hired a boy out to his mother at fifty cents a week. As the twig is Bent

Mrs. Tuggart wants a new trial. If her petition is granted, the proceedings should be held behind alread doors, and no account of them published.

the tree's inclined.

Some of the life insurance magnates are beginning to cry: "Oh, I have lost my reputation! I have lost the immortal part of myself, and what remains is bestial."

The treatment accorded Mayor Weaver by the committee invistigating various departments of his administrafact was disgraceful. But people have fact was disgraceful. But people have Supported By: members of Philadelphia's city council. Mayor Weaver is bigger than all of them put together.

General F. V Greene testified that the Bermudez Asphalt company did materially aid the Matos revolutionists against Castro. And it is to this company that much of the ill feeling between Venezuela and this country is due. It has not presented its case with clean hands, and its claims should be most minutely examined.

"Barred from the Federation of Churches, we suppose the Unitarians must be considered 'scab' Christians,' says the New York Evening Post. The sentiment against the Unitarians should open the eyes of the American public to the true inwardness of the anti-"Mormon" agitation, as far as the "evangelical" sects are concerned. Un-American bigotry is at the bottom of it. And this sentiment is made use of by unscrupulous politicians to further their own ends and purposes. Considering the fact that some of these political agitators are notoriously as corrupt, morally, as a human being can be, the alliance between them and the devoted Christians of the land is one of the most peculiar phenomena of the time.

### A NEW LAKE.

Springfield Republican. Word comes from Bartlett, Neb., that a lake 20 miles long and from three to five miles wide has suddenly sprung into existence in the sandhills of central Nebraska. Where six months ago there were wastes of mud is now a body of water, is to 50 feet deep, and constantly rising. The overflow has formed an outlet and started down the valley toward the Missouri river. It valley toward the Missouri river. It has been known for years that that portion of the state had a large underow of water, draining down from the rocky Mountains. Cattle kings have used it by sinking what are known as "flowing" wells, which are greatly to be desired above artesian wells, in that the "flowing" water is found at a depth of from 60 to 80 feet,

THE "NO HAT" FAD.

London Truth. A Sunday or two ago I happened to traverse some miles of one of the main roads leading out of London, and was much impressed by the number of cytraveling without hats. I was to understand that they are the result of the "no-hat move-As the day was dry and the dust was churned up in a sufficienting motor cycles, ordinary cycles and horse vehicles, it struck me that the movement in question might equally well be called the dirty-head movement. By the time they had done 20 miles on road these youths' heads must

### COUNTRY LIFE AND LUNACY.

deermais in any railway

London Telegraph.

station or public library.

Those who view the increase of in-sanity in these islands with alarm are ant to attribute the deplorable growth of lunacy to the pressure of modern stence in great cities. They picture the simple countryman living the simsle life in reasonable content and keep-ng a sound mind in a healthy body, while the dweller in crowded areas suc-

cumbs to nervous strain. Upon this pleture the fifty-ninth report of the Commissioner in Lunacy, just issued, turns the hard light of facts. According to this summary of the year's records of insanity it is the country man who goes mad sconest on the average, while the much-pitied townsman, in spite of strain and competition, remains same enough to be called upon to look after him. "There is no apparent relationship between the density of population and the ratio of insanity." the Commissioners boldly declare. "Many of the sparsely populated counties give the highest proportion of insane to their respective populations." ture the fifty-ninth report of the Com-

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Lee's Magazine fo this month opens Lee's Magazine fo this month opens with a beautiful poem, "In Pulple Dawn," by W. V. Lawrence. There are several other fine, poetical selections, "Shod With Silence" is a short story by N. S. Cox: another little story is "Mr. Mortimer's Matchmaking," Mrs. I. M. Wheeler. "Echoes from the Stage" and "Miscellaujous" notes complete the number.—601 Beacon Building, Boston, Mass.

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