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ACHIEVEMENTS OF PIONEERS.

The Pioneers of 1847 and others who at that time came into and first permanently settled Salt Lake valley, accomplished several other things of much human consequence, directly for the advancement of civilization in the West and indirectly for the instruction and profit of other countries.

They proved that the intermountain area was not, as Webster believed, "a vast worthless area," but a fertile and well favored country when once it was understood and rightly managed.

They showed that co-operation and mutual assistance in time of need may render the desert places of the earth habitable, and transform the barren wilderness into fruitful fields.

They demonstrated that what is termed "faith" does really work miracles. For under its stimulus the thirsty land became dotted with verdant pools, and the dry desert brought forth fountains of water.

Their successful settlement of Utah made possible the colonization of many surrounding places, not alone by their example, and the demonstrations which they gave, but by the aid they were able to extend to other colonists about them.

They introduced to the western world the theory and practice of irrigation; the benefits of this practice no longer confined to the semi-arid regions are now successfully derived from applying it to the agriculture of humid regions.

They occupied a vast piece of Mexican territory that was especially needed for the western expansion of the United States and their successful occupation. of this tract, and their use of it as an agricultural district, was the key to the chief difficulties of the "winning of the west.

They illustrated what is always pos sible in colonization, but rarely made actual that new communities far from contact with the sources and centers of civilization and the conveniences of modern life, can, nevertheless, be kept peaceful, orderly, progressive, and enlightened, without affliction from the terrors and other evils of border ruffianism that have almost uniformly been the lot of other new commonwealths similarly situated.

They lived at comparative peace with the most savage and embittered of the American Indians, proving anew that kindness and humanity are not lest even when bestowed upon the least advanced of the children of nature. They were content to remain here and to struggle hard and long for a bare existence in the midst of this wilderness, when almost all other west

pose indicated by the council resolution. Put money into a spendthrift's hands if you desire to learn how very easy. indeed, it is to get him to spend it wisely! Here is the "easy" way of

seeing to it, pointed out by the paper referred to: "But there is still another remedy, one which any taxpayer can seek if the money is not spent properly, and that is the law which will tolerate no diver-sion of bond funds to purposes other than those specified in the bond or-dinance. Not only is this true, but the constitutional law is very explicit in the limitations it places on the lasu-ance of bonds." from the responsibility of the irregularity of this transaction.

"Any taxpayer" who might have a fortune to waste in fighting through all the court processes and trials that would be necessary to prevent the contemplated "diversion of bond funds to purposes other than those specified in he bond ordinance," would better get ready for immediate and long continued action. He will have his hands full of trouble and his pockets empty of money long before he gets through this modest "remedy" for the loss of his first money.

The taxpayer who would first vote his money into the hands of incompetent and extravagant officials, to use the mildest adjectives that conscience will allow in describing the spendthrifts who are exploiting the city's revenues, and then would bring lawsuits to try to compel them to expend it honestly, and economically, would be a new and unusual illustration of the old saying that "a fool and

his money are soon parted." If the guileless innocent should imagine that he could in any way control the expenditure of the borrowed money in the purse which he so readily hands over to the confidence man, he would be an exact counterpart of the Salt Lake taxpayer who would first vote away his children's money, and should then try to get court orders to direct its expenditure.

CHURCH AND POLITICS.

Rev. Morton Culver Hartzell, a Chicago Methodist pastor, the other day, in a sermon on "The Psalms of Patriot ism," expressed the thought that churchmen have a duty to perform as citizens, and that, if they neglect this duty, the church will suffer decline and the community will be at the mercy of graft and vice. This is emphatically true, and the gentleman's remarks are so appropriate to the local situation, that we take pleasure in copying the following extract from the sermon which we find in the Northwestern Christian Advocate:

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'Every interest of the individual and community is vitally affected political organizations. And great parties every force of

in both great parties every force of evil is vigilant and active. Corrupt politics is the very life of all our civil ills. But it is also a question of the life of all good things and people. The churchman who at this time does not cast his vote for proper repre-sentatives in his party organization will see his Church grow weaker be-cause disregarded in the practical life of the world; will find his party de-crease in value because of an influx of 'undesirable citizens' into his com-munity; will have his taxes raised because of the reign of incompetence and graft; will know the awful woe of a family's struggle to keep a boy from a libertine's fate, a daughter from of sins. from a libertine's fate, a daughter from a life of shame."

The fearful truth embodied in the dosing sentences of this paragraph is apparent to all who consider the local conditions from a moral point of view. Not only are incompetence and graft in evidence, but the very center of the City is given over to the keepers of nests of shame, Such conditions would not exist if the good, moral men and

administration, would have obviated the necessity of any further loan. That money was turned over to the socalled "American" administration. This administration broke the pledges made under the Morris administration and ran the cost of the conduit up to \$443, 000, it is claimed, instead of \$932,000, for which the contract had been let, or \$350,000, the estimated cost. The "Am erican" party officials cannot get away

NOTE THE QUESTION.

The so-called American party mangers were banking on the name of Mayor Bransford for votes at the last City election; and now they are relying on his reputation for a favorable vote on the bond issue. The Mayor, they say, has pledged himself for the pro-per use of the money. Cannot he be trusted? No one questions the integrity o

Mr. Bransford, but, unfortunately he seems to be powerless against the hidden hand of fate that controls

'American'' party politics, Only the other day the Inter-Mounaln Republican published a letter signed by J. E. McGinty and F. R. Christensen, directing heads of City departments to instruct their subordinates to work for the party. The Mayor is, of course, the head of those departments. But he denies having any knowledge whatever of the instructions given, over his head, to the men under him. He is in a peculiar position. He does not even know what instructions are given to his men, until he sees them in the newspapers.

That he, in his official capacity, is not always a free agent, was illustrated when he sent a letter to the council, which somebody else decided was not to reach the council and therefore ordered abstracted and side tracked. There is no guarantee that a similar performance may not occur at any time, since the council has

failed to take any action of censure in the matter. Then, there is the story of the appointment of Devine. The majority of the council broke the promise given to the Mayor. Why should the public

believe in any other promises that 'majority" may have made? The question is not at all of the integrity of the Mayor. The question is, What claim to public confidence have those men who are usurping the authority of the Mayor and the council and who climbed to power on a pile of falsehoods against the people and prominent citizens of the City? What laim to confidence has a crowd whose ecord contains broken pledges, and whose chief ambition is to direct the expenditure of the people's money for partisan purposes?

Charity and wigs cover a multitude To vote for the bonds is to put a halter around your neck. On the Fairview lawn are seen no signs, "Keep off the grass." Judge Landis has been unfrocked se far as his fine fame is concerned.

In athletics the Britishers are no beter losers than other nationalities.

The Prohibition campaign has opened and now water will be as free as air.

Even the wealthy will steal sidelong glances at their neighbors' belongings.

seems as far off as Christmas does to

Mayor Bransford must have some

The Quebac centenary celebration

recalls the fact that Wolfe said he

would rather have written the "Ele-

"The Descret News would sell the

progressive citizens of Salt Lake for

The French would

gy in a Country Churchyard" than to

ounsel on the bond election.

apture Quebec.

rather he had.

own way a four-foot cement

a year than it is to get down to \$10 a money that, under an honest busines week.

> We are not aware whether or not Mayor Bransford is given to Biblical reading, but if he is, the fate of the traveler who journeyed to Jericho and fell among gentry of a certain sort, must have occurred to his mind several times of late. But the mayor did save his clothes.

FRESH AIR.

Dr. J. H. Clark in London Chronicle. I hold to the maxim "Die and let die." If any one chooses the fresh-air method of departing this life by all means let him take it, but let him re-spect the right of other people to choose their own method for themselves. Fresh air has its victims no less than foul. The tubercle bacillus does not enjoy fresh air, it is true, but there are plenty of other bacilly which rejoke in it. If consumptives thrive out of doors, the subjects of bronchilfs are generally only safe when they stay in.

A FRENCH GIRL'S EDUCATION.

London Saturday Review. Education is under the mother's con-tant supervision. The Bible is never out into a child's hands. Scriptural listory is very much bowdlerized, and to story is told in the works reserved history is very much bownerheed, and no story is told in the works reserved for the young that would imply that any of the kings of Judea had ever been guilty of the slightest indiscre-tion. The expurgation of profane his-tory is still more complete, and the average French girl grows up with no idea that any scandal ever occurred in the days of the Bourbon kings. As the "jeune fille" advances in years she may have male professors of history, Latin, dancing or music, but no care-fully brought-up girl is ever left alone with a professor. If she wishes to pass examinations and has to attend courses of lectures, she is always accompanied by her governess, who is bound to re-port if anything in any shape or form bordering upon impropriety has been said. When, therefore, a French girl first goes into the world she knows very little.

NOT PUBLIC MENACES. Baltimore Sun

Baltimore Sun. Except in very few quarters we find at present no disposition to suggest that a man cannot be a Democrat or a Republican without exposing himself to the suspicion that he is a public en-emy. There are millions of good citi-zens in each of the two great parties. They are honest and patriotic accord-ing to their light. They vote their hon-est convictions, and in doing this they exercise the right of American citizens to vote as they believe. Before the close of this campaign the American people will have the opportunity to consider all the arguments for and against the policies and the candidates of the two leading parties. Having heard the case presented for both sides, they will be prepared to render an in-telligent verdict.

JUST FOR FUN.

The Test of Strength.

Life Insurance Agent (to victim)-I tel you, sir, our company is the strongest in the country. Our building is forther building high strong st strongest for it has this day filed with Rival Agent—Before you decide, lis-ten to me, sir. My company is the strongest, for it has this day filed with the Building department plans for a structure to be sixty-three stories high. —Puck

The Villains of Fiction. What would happen to writers of fic-tion if the world suddenly became good and there were no rogues left, and no bad men, no bad women? It is to be feared that the craft of novelship would then be in sad straits, because, as it happens, the wicked make much more interesting reading than the good.— Book Monthly.





ern emigrants were imbued with the California "yellow fever"-the mad rush for the gold fields.

It was Latter-day Saint pioneersmembers of the Mormon battalionwho discovered the first gold in California-an event that led to the enormous westward migration across this continent "in the days of '49." On Jan. 24, 1848, Henry W. Bigeler, a battalion member who afterwards lived in St. George, Utah, wrote in his diary "This day some kind of metal was this year, are only \$905,000, the expenfound in the tail race that looks like gold;" and on the 30th wrote, "Our metal has been analyzed and proved to be gold. It is thought to be rich. We have picked up more than a hundred dollar's worth during the past week."

It was this battalion of 500 members that raised the first American flag over the site of the present city of Los Angeles, on July 4, 1847.

The generation of younger men, who immediately followed or grew up under the eyes of the pioneers and early settlers, developed marvelous heroic qualities, and many of them became famous in the romantic literature of the times. As scouts, riders, guides, Indian fighters, and frontiersmen of all sorts, it seems probable that this generation of Western Americans generally have had few peers in former ages; while the great number of those whose deeds of courage are worthy to chronicle, causes this generation to stand out in a peculiar attractive light in the annals of history

The town government developed by the pioneers, arising, of course, mainly out of the necessities of the case and of their peculiar situation, was characteristically American, and affords one of the most fruitful fields of study in the development of modern forms of the typical village communities. New England blood and traditions predominated and gave form to the organization and government of early times here.

Sixty-one years ago came the first of those who made of these valleys their permanent abiding places. What was then an unhospitable desert is now a place of wealth, beauly, and fertility, May the memory of those who bere the brunt of a battle with nature that is untranslatable to the present generation be recalled with feelings of reverence, sympathy, admiration and honort

ANOTHER REMEDY.

An apoligist for the proposition to plunge this city into indebtedness to the extreme limit, in order to "improve" the streets and to supply the "Amerlean" officials with additional sums. to squander, declares that it will be

women belonging to churches would sidewalk is the straight and narrow work together as citizens for good govpath. ernment and public morality,

BOND NOTES.

the child. To Messrs. Lippman and Christensen If Commander Peary's third dash for elongs the honor of having furnished the pole fails, then all his hopes will the public with one of the strongest he dashed. arguments against the bond issue they want so badly. They claim that while The camel is not a good emblem for the City's revenues from all sources the Prohibitionists. It goes entirely too long without water. ditures will be \$1.341,845.89. They pro pose to spend \$436,845.89 more than the With the western Republican state total income of the City, and then bor committeemen it was Pike's Peak or row \$600,000, in addition, for improveoust. And it was Pike's Peak. ments. That is their Idea of municipal economy. If their figures are tak The foolish maidens who let their en at their face value, the City will, amp go out was wisdom itself comduring the year, add a little over a milpared with the advocates of the bond ion dollars to its indebtedness. Whe is going to take the bonds on the show ing made by Messrs. Lippman and Christensen, that the City is bankrupt

"By the by, where have all the Teddy bears gone?" asks the New York and spending \$400,000 over and above American. They are æstivating prepits income? Can bonds be sold on such aratory to hibernating. That decision of the court of ap-

The first attempt to meet our asserpeals of the Seventh circuit is worth tion that the majority of the council is millions to the Standard Oli company; asking for a bond issue for illegal purto be eaxet, \$29,240,000 has been made by the Tribune but it is a dismal failure. The Tribune There is this difference between an says: "The Constitution provides that officeholder and a tramp; "Saw wood and say nothing." is the motto of the municipal moneys may be expended former, while "See wood and saw nothupon the waterworks." ing" is that of the latter

The Constitution does not provide any such thing, either plainly or other-That is a misstatement of fact made to deceive. The Constitution gives citizens the authority to borrow money, within certain limits, "for supplying such city or town with water." Any mprovement the object of which is is upply the City with water comes witha that Constitutional provision. No aber. That is the plain truth.

a financial statement?

We beg to add that we have the opinion of eminent legal authority on that question. The vote on bonds for purposes not authorized by the Consti tution would in all probability invalidate the entire vote

a in vain.

song, offering to compose the song The Tribune denies that "American' and sing it itself," says the organ of party officials are responsible for the the Pseudo-American party. If that break of faith with the people who were so, still the P.-A, organ would voted the last bond issue, and tries to not be among them. shift the unenviable responsibility ove to the Morris administration. But that

"All I can say is that what has hapwhen was not expected," was U. S. The people authorized the council to District Attorney Sims' comment on spend \$350,000 on a conduit and \$200,000 the decision of the court of appeals in the development of Utah Lake, to the Standard Oil case. Isn't the district refer only to these two items. Under attorney aware that it is the unexpectthe Morris administration the contract ed that siways happens?

for the conduit was let for something like \$232,000, and the Utah Lake develop-Stuyvesant Fish says that it is hardment was not undertaken as planned. er for a man who has been living at The sum of \$40,000 was instead spent on the rate of \$200,000 a year to get down buying up water and another \$9,000 was to \$50,000 than for a man who has been actually spent on Utah Lake develop- getting \$15 a week to get down to \$10. an easy thing to see that the newly ment. Here is an enormous saving of But it is harder still to get up to \$50,000

lady. You got it yesterday." ady (sarcastically)-"Then I must The Lady (sarcastically)-have boarded this car Cleveland Plain Dealer. car yesterday, To the grown-up man the circus

Mrs. H.—"I hear you resigned your position as treasurer of the 'Don't Worry' club." Mrs. C.—"Yes. No one cared whether they paid their dues, so what was the use?"—Life.

"Every man is the architect of his own fortune," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes, but he wants to keep solid with the building inspectors," added the Sim-ple Mug.-Philadelphia Record.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The current issue of Harper's Weekly is largely a Cleveland number. It con-tains an appreciative article dealing with the career of the dead stateeman, with the career of the dead statesman, and a fine wood engraving, reproduced from Harper's Weekly of twenty-four years ago, showing the ex-President as he appeared at the time of his can-didacy in 1884. "Playtime with Taft" is the title of a delightfully informed ac-count of the new Republican presiden-tial nominee's adventures among his old clossmen at Vala during his scenet tial nominee's adventures among his old classmen at Yale during his recent visit to New Haven. In "This Land of Opportunity" John Kimberly Mumford tells how the Steel Corporation built a

tells how the Steel Corporation built a city on a sandy waste within three years, affording homes and occupation to 12,000. Bertha Damaris Knobe pre-sents an interesting account of women's work for a franchise plank at the Chi-cago convention. "The Flea, the Rat, and the Plague" is the title of a re-markable article by William Inglis, in which he shows the activity of the in-sect pest of California in transmitting bubonic plague from the rodent to man. The issue also contains an account of queer reflections as he and the men who repudiated their word on the Devine appointment, meet together to The issue also contains an account of the unveiling of the statue of John W. Mackay at the University of Nevada. Harper & Bros., New York.



m., 8:15 a. m., and 9:15 a. m., 20 minute car service from 9:15 a. m. to 10:55 p. m.