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# BETTER CUT IT OUT.

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A furore was attempted to be raised it the time when a political primary was held in the district where the infirmary is located, over the attendance of some of the inmates of that institution at the meeting. The idea was advanced that they ought not to be placed on a political equality with taxpayers and wealthy citizens. The Deseret News took up the objection and showed its states that one of the Russian transfallacy both from a moral and a legal . standpoint.

There is no property qualification for voting in Utah and the richest citizen and the poorest citizen are placed upon an equal plane as regards the elective franchise. It is only when property is to be taxed for a specific purpose that non-taxpayers are barred from voting upon the matter. To deny the right of suffrage to an indigent person, who may have been in his time a heavy taxpayer, but has been forced by calamity to lean for support upon the publie, is both inhuman and Hlegal.

It is now claimed that a number of the inmates of the infirmary have been registered in that district, and their names are objected to by a party manager, on the ground that they are not residents of the district. The provision of the election law relied upon for a demand to strike their names off the list Is this:

must not be held to have A TWEE

an attack in that paper by Senator Dubois. The gentleman sizes up the callbre and motives of the class of conspirators there and elsewhere that use the "Mormon" question to effect their own selfish ends, and we therefore reproduce his letter in full as follows:

"Spokesman-Review, N. W. Dur-tam, Managing Editor, Spokane, Wash. Dear Bir;

'Your letter of the 22nd with incloures which was addressed to me a Wallace has just been received by me at Bolse. I appreciate the courtesy of the offer of your columns in replying to the article of Senator Dubois on the Mor-mon question in Idaho. But, inasmuch as there is no 'Mormon Question' in Idaho, excepting as it exists in the minds of those engaged in the manufacture of flotitious issues, I will not en umber your columns at the expense of rowding out the real issues of repub-iconism and democracy in which all f the people are so much interested uring this campalian.

"The intelligent people of Idaho un-lerstand the purpose of the attempt that is being made by those having a terior interests in so doing, to injecinto Idaho polities, from both the south and the north, such imaginary issues as those discussed by Senator Dubols, in the article to which you refer. The Republicans of Idaho are intel-

ligent enough to know and determine the real issues of the campaign and are not upt to be misled by and influenced from beyond the state borders, ecclefrom beyond the stasticul or otherwise. "Yours truly

W. B. HEYBURN."

## NO EXPLANATION.

Admiral Rojestvensky explains that on the night of his North sea blunder. auddenly two torpedo boats attacked his squadren, and that he opened fire on them, and sank one, while the other took refuge among the fishing craft. This is materially different from the first version of the affair given by the same admiral to an Associated Press representative and telegraphed from Vigo, Spain. In that first published statement, it was said that no fishing

fleet was in sight at all, and that the Russians did not know they had inflict. ed damage to the neutral craft. The fishing vessels, it was added, did not display any lights.

A third version, coming from Paris, and apparently from an eye witness. ports-the name is given-was surrounded by boats, supposed to be torpedo boats, and that the Russlan squadron first surrounded these vessels. cutting off their escape, and then fired upon all of them. In this version the

original two torpedo boats have become an entire flotilia. These are contradictions that cannot be reconciled. The narrative of one of the eye-wit nesses on the British side should be compared with these statements.

Captain Peaker, of the fishing steam. er Magple, stated that the trawlers covered a radius of 12 miles. The warships gradually drew near and when they came in among the trawlers, some signalling was done, after which the searchlights were turned on the fishing fleet. The warships were not more than from a quarter to half a mile from the fishing craft, when they opened fire, and they were right in between the flo-

tilla. If these are facts, the Russlaus

ing those lights at sea.

time to compare the culm, dignified,

and precise conduct of our admirals

during the Spanish war, when the

slightest indiscretion on their part

might, at times, have been fraught with

FLOATING COALING STATIONS.

The present complications between

Great Britain and Russia lends inter-

est to a story to the effect that Ger-

mans are alding the Russians, against

Japan. The captain of an English

steamer has reported that on his voy-

age up from West Africa he touched

at the Canary islands. At Las Palmas

he found three German ships loaded

with coal lying at anchor in the inner

harbor, while outside the breakwater

was a fourth and larger German ship

carrying 4.000 tons of coal. All this

coal, it was said, was taken out for

the Russian Haltle squadron. At Ma-

deira there were two German steamers

coal-laden lying in Funchal bay, and it

was reported that these ships were also

waiting for the Russian' squadror

bound to the far east via the Cape of

Good Hope. Doubts have been ex-

pressed as to the practicability of send-

ing the Baltic squadron to its distant

destination, without coal depots at in-

tervals, at which to replenish the sup-

ply. The difficulty seems to have been

overcome by the aid of German ship.

owners, and perhaps British coal com-

panies. But such assistance is certainly

unfriendly to Japan, and it gives just

cause for complaint, even if rendered

ments.

dire consequences.

ilar to the American organization, be formed in other countries, and that they all consolidate into an international federation. The suggestion was made at a luncheon tendered by the American federation to the delegates to the Interparliamentary union, and representatives of labor organizations and other societies, and it was received with enthuslasm. The underlying thought is,

that such an organization would be conducive to industrial peace throughout the world, by promoting prosper-Ity and good will. The ultimate object is disarmament. An International Civic federation, H is thought, could perform work that would accord perfectly with the mission of every society

that favors the abolition of war, which has been an ideal for centuries; white its deliberations might contribute valuable additions to world economics if not to world politics. There are many international organizations. All the churches are international, but have ao far, failed in bringing about disarmament. Can a civic federation do better? The peace movement, like all reforms, should commence at home. If each country could establish pea e within its own borders-peace between the different interests in the labor

world, social and religious circles, political parties, and so on, peace between nations would be easy. A Russian fleet is as dangerous as an

automobile. Rojestvensky's report only makes

confusion worse confounded. "My voice is for war," seems to be the cry of the British press.

Try and spell and then pronounce 'Rojestvensky," and then ask, "What's n a name?"

It is not settled yet whether Rojestvensky's squadron is going to the front or to the bottom.

Will men in public life never learn the value and wisdom of the advice, "Never write letters?"

Had Senator Morgan's lead been followed, the Panama canal would not now be an issue in the campaign.

Some of the Russian papers want war with England. Don't the Russians know when they have got enough?

If England and Russia go to war, England, paradoxical as it may seem, will wipe the earth with Russla's fleet.

Lord Lansdowne insists that in the case of the principals in the North seaincident, the punishment shall fit the crime.

Rojestvensky's explanation of the North sea incident puts a new complex. ion on that affair, but it still has a very dark look.

A single vine in Indian Territory bore six pumpkins which totaled 580 pounds. That vine may very properly consider itself some punkins.

for him to lead the way, Lavaur gave way and pushed open the door, when the vitriol fell with a splash. The cor the vierial feil with a spissh. The cor-rosive liquid, however, did not strike him on the head, as intended by the jealous husband; but only went over his clothes, the destruction of which was the sole damage done. Gerfaut, who dashed away when Lavaur opened door, a few moments later returned and when he saw the plight of his of friend's garments, was so profuse in his apologies that the latter refused to take any proceedings.

#### THE NEW DIVORCE CANON.

New York World.

The Protestant Episcopalian conven ion has somewhat unexpectedly passed by a heavy mujority a compromise canon permitting the remarringe of the innocent party to a divorce granted lor adultory. Such marriage must not take place within a year from the issue of the decree, and any disryman whose conscience forbids him to marry a di-vorced person may refuse to do so. This provision is practically that of

This provision is practically that of the Church of England. For almost lifty years the law of that country, which is also the law of its state hurch, has permitted such remarriage and has authorized clergymen who have conscientious scruples to decline to marry divorced persons.

The new canon will at least prevent within the church the scandal of the hasty remarriage of divorced persons. Meanwhils the discussion will continue n irrepressible conflict is in progress etween the forces of order and of disorder for the possession of the Ameri-

New York Evening Post.

The compromise on the divorce ques-tion reached by the Protestant Episcoconvention is not likely to satisfy those who oppose all remarriage of di-vorced persons. The church according to the new canon will sanction the remarriage, after a year's interval, of the innocent party in a divorce for adultery. This period of probation. which is demanded by sheer dec is certainly not a severe hardship. decency absolute prohibition would, in our judgment, often inflict a barsh punlsh-ment upon the inflict a barsh punlsh-ment upon the inflict a barsh punlsh-exciting excessive sympathy for the victims of the divorce court, defeat its own purpose. Yet the wing of the Episco-pal church which holds the extreme sacramental view of marriage is not like-ly to relax its efforts. It will regard this compromise as merely a step to-ward ultimate victory; for the sacerdotalists conduct their crusade on the inflexible principle that all remarriage after divorce is wrong, and to wait a year is scarcely more virtuous than for the discharged convict to wait a year before he begins stealing again.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Pearson's Magazine for November has several notable features. Among those are: "Samantha at the Si. Louis Exposition," Josiah Allen's Wife: "Thomas Nast-A Picture of the Times When History Was Warm in the Mak-ing: The End of a Great Drama," Albert Elgelow Paine; "Dr. Nicholas Stone," chapters X. XI, XII, E. Spence de Pue: "Siumber Song," verse; "How I Came to Buit Into the Drama." George Ade; "The King and Queen of Smugglers-How Sir Nicholas Came Strangely to Vyse House," Halliwell Sutcliffe: "War, With the Sloux," In three parts, Cyrus Townsend Brady; Pearson's Magazine for November Sutcliffe: "War With the Sloux," in three parts, Cyrus Townsend Brady; "The Combat on Beaver Creek," reply to Gen, E. A. Carr, Cyrus Townsend Brady and Gen, L. H. Carpenter; "The Goddess in the Car," a story, Ralph Henry Barbour; "Why the Secretary Came late," a story, A. W. Rolker; "A Mercenary Artist," a story, H. Bar-reft Switch: and "Sneaubition and PDI rett Smith; and "Speculation and 'Fin-ance' Encouraged by Our National Banking Law," O. H. Schreiner.-New



gained or lost residence by reason of his presence or absence while employed in the service of the United States or of this state, nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept in any almshouse, or other asylum at the public expense, nor while confined in any public prison, nor while residing upon any Indian or military reserva-tion."—Revised Statutes Sec. 806, par,

The evident object of this provision is to protect the citizen, not to deprive him of the franchise. By reading the entire section the intent of the law will be made clear. If a person has been in the State one year, in the county four months and in the precinct sixty days, next preceding the day of election, the law says that person is a resident within its meaning. That is his domicile where he is located with the intention of remaining. The same section says:

That place must be considered and held to be the residence of a person in which his habitation is fixed, and to which, whenever he is absent, he has the intention of returning." Par. L.

If any of the inimates who have registered have homes somewhere else, to which they intend to return, and which may be termed their domicile or legal residence, they may be deemed nonresidents of the district where they have registered. But if thy have no other permanent place of abode, they have not lost residence by being in the infirmary. They have not gained residence in the state, perhaps, by reason of being in that institution, but they were residents before they entered it and have not lost that status by their unfortunate condition. If their habitation is fixed there they must be have registered. But if they have no other place of residence. If that is denled them, then they lose their residence through their misfortune, and the law fails to give them the protection for which it was enacted.

It may be said, perhaps, that the matter will be decided by the courts. Well, perhaps not, just now. We should think that no person or party would want to press a case to deprive a citizen of his political rights because he is in poverty. It is certainly not a party matter. But if we are not mistaken, the State courts have already passed on the question in favor of the poor, and the decision, rendered some years ago. is of course a matter of record. A good deal depends upon the spirit in which legal action is taken, and in this instance the motive does not appear very chivalrous or inspired by the genius of the law or of equal rights and privileges. Better let it alone!

### A PUNGENT REPLY.

The desperate efforts of the anti-"Mormon" agitators in Idaho to make their contention the great and only issue in the present campaign, do not meet with the desired support nor engage the interest of the rational and respectable people in either of the political parties. We have given place in our columns to a number of editorial and personal expressions on the subject, and we now copy a letter addressed by United States Senator Heyburn to the Spokane Review, in response to a ering at St. Louis, is the suggestion request from its editor that he reply to that National Civic Federations, sim- his host, thinking it was more proper

saw the vessels in the powerful ray of the searchlights. They must have When the Second Russian Pacific squadron reaches the Pillars of Hercuknown what they were. Eye-witnesses are positive as to this. The fishing les it will realize that it is between Satan and the deep sea. boats were trawling at about two and one-half knots an hour, and the soulad Of the North sea incident it may be ron was steaming at about 12 knots said, "The quarrel is a very pretty when it first came into sight. After the quarrel as it stands; we should only searchlights had been turned on the

spoil it by trying to explain it." fishing fleet it was impossible to mistake it for anything in the war line. It is beneath the dignity of a New The squadron, in fact, got so close up York society woman to have less than a that the Russians could distinguish the hundred thousand dollars' worth of men working their nets. The fishers diamonds stolen, if she has any stolen were burning International fishing at all. lights-a white center, with red and green sides. There could be no mistak-

France holds the key to the situation. Will she unlock the doors and let loose The explanation does not explain, But the dogs of war or will she keep them It may be sufficient to base the assurconfined? At the moment perhaps she ances on, that no offense to the British terself cannot may. people was intended, and that the Russian government is innocent in the mat-

A misty curtain of rain seems to have ter. That may satisfy the British pubbeen dropped before the theater of war lic opinion and stave off international in the Far East. And will the stage complications. Rojestvensky will have setting be changed when the curtain to be recalled, though, for he can clear. lifts) ly not be trusted. It is good at this

> King Edward's toast at the luncheon he gave Admiral Jewell was, "The American navy, may its glory nevergrow less!" His majesty was slient on the subject of its growing greater,

> At the recent prison congress Dr. Hatch of Quincy, Ill., advised putting to death, degenerates, incurable and insane people. That is not the suggestion of science but of brutal inhumanity. There is talk of another revolution in

> Panama. It is time for the Panamana to quit that business, leaving it to their South American relations, Panama should remember that she has entered on a new and enlightened era.

According to a paragraph in Public Opinion, an Italian scientist has lately made a detailed explanation of the accepted fact that the waters of lakes and rivers, however thoroughly infected, possess the power of purifying themselves. A great amount of bacteria, this authority says, is dragged to the bottom by the precipitation of solid matter, but this is not the only purifying process. In swift currents the veocity of the stream is in itself a cleansing agent, and it has been shown that sunlight destroys bacteria in water to a depth of three feet. The obvious conclusion is that rapidly flowing streams or ponds not more than three feet deep contain the purest water.

## A FRENCH QUARREL.

Parls Correspondent in London Globe. without the knowledge of the govern-The old boarding joke of placing a pail of water on the top of a door, so The dispatch of a special envoy from that when any one entered he was treated to an unexpected shower-bath Japan, to this part of the world, is sigwas yesterday afternoon practised by a Parisian cashier, named Gerfaut, in or nificant in view of what is taking place. The envoy is no less important per-Parisian cashier, hamed tarhait, in or-der to punish a friend, named Lavaur, whom he suspected of being too atten-tive to his wife. Gerfaut, however, in-stead of water, filled the pail with vit-riol, and when Lavaur, whom he had invited to dinner, arrived, he met him with a smille, took his hat and umbrei-a and viacad them in the hall. They sonage than Prince Fushimi, who occupies the position of the highest military adviser to the Mikado. That he is on an important mission is not denied. though the nature of it is not divulged. with a smile, took his hat and umprel-la and placed them in the hall. They then proceeded to the dining room, over the door of which the vitriol had been placed, and Gerfaut politely asked his guest to enter first. After a few ges-tures and words of protestation from the latter, who did not care to precede the base, the bits is more more account INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION One result of the international gath-



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