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some of the schools will raise enough money to keep open, so that the extent of the alleged awful calamity to the cause of education, will be the closing of some of the lower grade classes in the city schools, this year, one month earlier than usual. Just that, and nothing more

It is useless to try to throw blame for this condition of affairs on the Board of Education, the Governor or the socalled "small coterie of citizens," accused of "open and pronounced unfriendliness to the schools." Unforeseen and unexpected expenses were forced upon the board which had to be met out of current incomes, a debt for which the present members are not to be blamed stared them in the face, and these with outlays exceeding anticipations and provisions, caused the application to the Legislature for increased taxing power.

The veto of the school tax bill was not brought about by any "hostility to the school system," either on the part of

WHY NOT TELL THE TRUTH? Our local contemporaries continue their attacks on the majority of the City Council, because the "solid eight" will not act in violation of a city ordinance for the payment of the policemen's salaries for the month of March. In all the disingenuous and unjust remarks concerning the councilmen, readers who are posted as to the facts cannot fail to observe the care with which the truth is concealed, that no objection has been made by the majority to paying the policemen in a lawful man-

The fact that the "solid eight" have pointed out and urged a legal way by which the officers' salaries can be paid, s not even alluded to in the diatribes indulged in against the councilmen. Payment need not be delayed a day if

the payrolls are signed by the Captain of Police, as acting head of the department, pending the decision on the question as to the legality of the Chief's appointment. The public sught to know that the men are not being kept out of their pay by any improper ob struction on the part of the majority of

the City Council. It comes from other sources entirely, and the blame should be placed where it actually belongs. It is very small business to engage in an endeavor to place public servants in a false light, on so paltry a pretence as that put forth against them in this dis-

oute. Not only is the inconvenience attending the delay of payment greatly exaggerated, but the illegality of the subterfuges proposed by the minority of the council is made light of, while the lawful and consistent position of the majority is kept out of sight, or grossly distorted and burlesqued. The truth, however, will force itself to the front, and the public will know what alue to place on the utterances of the libellers.

## CATHOLIC PROPAGANDA.

On Thursday, April 23, the first stone will be laid of the "Apostelic mission house" in Washington. The stone will be blessed by Archbishop Gibbons of

Ealtimore. Other Catholic prelates expected to be present are the apostolic delegate, archbishops, bishops and let gymen. This mission house, we are told.

marks the adoption and systematization of a vigorous propaganda for Romanism in this country. The work commenced by the Paulist fathers, and it is to be extended all over the country. The Catnolic Missionary union is said to be an incorporated society,

founded for the purpose of raising funds for missionary work among non-Catholics. The movement is one that the people of this country should not lose sight of. It is of interest to all citizens here. The number of Catholics in this country was about ten millions at the beginning of this year. That is an increase of about four millions since 1890. An active, vigorous propaganda backed by such a large body, should bring results. The Un-

ion has now 13 missionaries in the field. whose business it is to explain the Roman faith to non-Catholics, to remove prejudices, and to take care of conerts. The Mission house will be a kind of training school, where missionaries will be specially trained for their work Of course these missionaries will enjoy full liberty in this country. They will be permitted to preach, distribute tracts, and establish stations wherever they think expedient. Protestants believe in sending missionaries to Catholic countries, and to pagan nations and to maintain those missionaries there even if guns have to be used instead of the gospel. They cannot logically object to missionaries in their midst, as long as they demand respect for their wn emissaries.

bans, he says, have "charity and mutual helpfulness," They stand together in adversity. "Personal and national pride and a sense of responsibility operate on Cuban mind and character. Charged, as they so often have been, with incapacity for self-government, . . their pride appears with purpose to demonstrate the faisity" of the charge. "The precise influence of patient endurance, persistent tenacity, charity and mutual helpfulness, hopeful anticipation of better days, personal and naional pride, and the effect of a sense of responsibility, are not to be easily mea-

sured as an operative force in Cuban affairs. Again and again they have curried the island through the slough of despond and brought her up smiling

upon the other side." To the people of this country, the statement made should be particularly gratifying. The United States sacrificed much for Cuban liberty. It is to the interest of this country that peace and prosperity prevail there.

Andrew Carnegie is the most metalsome man in America There isn't much difference between a striker and a "knocker."

Simon says: "Thumbs up" and up goes the fare to the Lagoon.

"Up the river and o'er the Lee, C that's the way for Billy and me," sing the Missouri detectives.

American dentists who serve European royalty stand very high. The result is they have a strong pull.

It would be a very proper thing to do to make "The Caliph of Bagdad" president of the Bagdad Railway company. Dr. Harper of the University of Chicago has gone to Texas to get an LL.D.

Does he prefer the foreign to the home article? William Waldorf Astor has bought

him another castle in England. It is rather strange that he never buys cas tles in Spain.

The little children will pass the merry month of May, the month of flowers, in the school of experience, the greatest school of all.

So it is a widow that Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt proposes to marry. To him we would say as Mr. Weller said to Samuel: "Beware of widders."

How pleasant and gratifying to read in quacks' announcements that there are at least three remedies, quick, sure, and safe, for every human ill.

One of the proposed features of the Louisiana Purchase exposition is a model city. It is safe to say that St. Louis will not be the prototype

As yet General Baldwin has not an-And a Company of 35 Real Fun-Makers, in the Screamingly Funny Trick Farce Comedy. swered the war department's inquiry regarding his alleged Denver interview. He is silent at the wrong time just as his speaking was,

In Rome, betwixt the Vatican and the Quirinal, King Edward's position will be not unlike that of the distracted lover. "How happy I could be with either were t'other dear charmer away."

The public school teachers are an estimable and worthy set as a have the public esteem and are engaged in a great calling. But it will be a mistake on their part if they formulate and make too many demands on the taxpayers. If they are wise they will realize this fact. The public as well as the teachers have their rights. It is a great battle for the freddom of the press that is being waged in Harrisburg. The measure which the papers of the Keystone state are urging Governor Pennypacker not to sign, is a muzzle and a gag combined, and should be vetoed. Only tyranny and harm can come from its enactment into law.

New York World.

Ransas City Star.

the satisfaction came from the imperial parliament or from a parliament of Irø-and's own. Therein I think his states-manship was deficient, because it want-

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the Governor or of the prominent citizens who appealed to the Executive against the proposed increase of public burdens. Nor is it true that his action was not influenced "by the voice of the The protest against raising people." the limit of taxation was a popular expression. For the masses of the taxpayers are determined that there shall be a reform in this particular. Their load has become greater and more unbearable from year to year, and the time had come to call a halt. What with the State and county school taxes, and the present five and a half mills city school tax added, piled on to the other State, county, city and water taexs, large numbers of the poorer property owners were unable to raise the money to settle without mortgaging or selling their homes. It was not hostility to the schools that caused their protest. It was inability to pay.

To assert that the Governor's veto "showed hostility to the public school system," is to utter an absurd falsehood, without the semblance of reason or the shadow of excuse. So with the charge that the citizens who signed the request for his veto were moved by unfriendliness to the schools, either "open and pronounced" or secret and silent. If necessary it could be demonstrated by facts and figures that they each pay a great deal more for the support of the schools than either of their accusers. The assessment rolls will furnish the proof if it is required.

We believe the schools could have been kept open to the end of the term if there had ben as much ingenuity, financial forecast and firm desire to continue them, as there was a determination to force upon the taxpayers an additional present and prospective burden. But be that as it may, the sum and substance of the situation is simply that which we have explained. No "crushingweight" has fallen as a "blow to our "educational system." It remains intact. For the year 1903 the term will be shortened one month just. as the heated season is opening, and that only for the lower grades in the city schools and not for all of them. Terrible, is it not? How will our splendid school system, with all its grades and classes and courses of study, its books and appliances, its file buildings and excellent appurtenances survive the "weight of this crushing blow?"

Seriously, is not the blast of the blow. er the only real "blow" in the case? While the present situation is not so very serious, the prospects for the future are bright and promising. Plenty of teachers can be had for our schools, even if a few we now have should resign. The bulk of immediate expense for building, etc., has been met; provision is made for bonded indebtedness; the school board has determined to "cut the garment according to the cloth;" past experience will be a guide to the future; our school system is firmly founded and admirably built up, and there is no need for direful prognostications and swful intimations of disaster. because circumstances have arisen rendering necessary the closing of some of the schools this year a month earlier than is customary. The Salt Lake

CUBA PROSPEROUS.

When Cuba was cut loose from the United States, fears were expressed that disaster would overtake the little republic in a short time. The carcoonists pictured the island as a small hoat cast adrift on a stormy ocean and this represented a very general view. Cuba, it was thought, would meet with financial disaster. She would be torne to pieces by conflicting politcal interests. There would be constant

evolutions. European powers would meddle with her affairs, and, in short Cuban independence would be of brief duration. Nearly a year has now passed under the administration of President Palma, and the indications are that all the fears entertained for Cuba's future were groundless,

A correspondent of the New York Sun, recently, described the present conditions in Cuba, and evidently he wrote with authority and inspiration. He pointed out that General Wood, who succeeded General Brooke, overspent his revenues by about \$1,400,000, and left the small surplus of \$540,000 to Cuban administrators. All the rest of the money accumulated by General Brooke leneral Wood spent, in addition to the urrent revenues. In contrast to this, t is pointed out that on April 1, this year, there was a surplus in the Cuban treasury of \$2,638,000, after all cur-

cent expenses had been paid. We are, of course, aware that figures do not always do justice, when employed for purposes of comparison, and probably those produced to illustrate the administration of General Wood, do not tell more than one part of the story, but it is evident that if Cuba in a few months has accumulated a big surplus, and paid all government expenses, her financial condition is encouraging, and there need be no fear of a financial col-

lause. There are several causes for this financial success. One is the increased colume of trade, which has given large customs duties. Another is the investment of foreign capital in railroad building and other onterprises, whereby employment has been secured to a numher of workingmen.

The correspondent of the Sun does not consider annexation by the United States as an impossibility in the future: but he does not believe that the Cubans can be driven to ask for union. by the policy of keeping them poor and destitute in order to accomplish that object. Only by generous treatment school situation is pretty well, thank | will the Cubans, he believes, be induced to consider such a proposition. The Cu. I that are not exactly his own. The doc-





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