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A GROWING EVIL.

We have made some remarks occasionally, of late, on the subject of amusements and their abuse. Our readers should understand, and we be-Heve they do, generally, that the Descrest News and the Church whose principles it advocates are in favor of rational amusements, both for the young and the old. We think that recreation of a proper kind should be provided by those who have the power to do so and a desire for the general welfare. This policy has been pursued by the leaders of the Latter-day Saints from the very beginning of their settlement in these valleys. Music has been encouraged, lectures, games, dramatic representations and even danc ing have been regarded as permissible when properly conducted and indulged in temperately and under the auspices of good men or women, the divine blessing being invoked upon them

But we also take the ground that moderation should be observed in all things, and that nothing should be done to excess. We therefore regard the present rage for amusements, the evidences of which dally appear, as contrary to health of body and of mind and to the spirit of true religion, And we deprecate in the strongest manner the license with which many amusements are conducted, and believe that great cvils are growing out of it. A warning voice ought to be raised against the desecration of the Sabbath day, the conduct of amuses. ments cullrely for purposes of gain. the sale of intoxicants in connection with them and the spirit of rowdyism which accompanies them. We do not press it to a practical issue? care where or whom this will strike. Such wrongs should be exposed and SUDDTPaped

Our people should be instructed to refrain from Sabbath breaking and from excessive indulgence in amusements which have deleterious effects upon them individually and are injurious to the community. Moral restraints failing to meet the conditions that should be changed, the officers of the law ought to do their part in the suppression of the evils prevailing. We notice that one bold and outspoken minister, namely Rev. D. A. Brown, of the home. There may be other the First Baptis urch, lifted up his voice on Sunday, asking the police and city authorities to close up the Sunday saloons and stem the local tide of vice. He called attention particularly to one place of resort which he had visited and about which he remarked:

the first day of the week commonly called Sunday, except he be a druggist and then only for medical purposes upon the prescription of a licensed physician

So much for municipal ordinances in relation to this matter. Now let us see what the State laws provide. Section (233 of the Revised Statutes of Utah, 1898, says:

"Every person who on Sunday, gets up, exhibits, opens or maintains, or aids n getting up, exhibiting, opening or maintaining any bull, bear, cock or prize fight, horse race, circus, gambling ouse or saloon or any barbarous and noisy amusement: or who keeps, conducts, or exhibits any theater, melodion lance cellar, or other place of musical, theatrical or operatic performance, spectacle or representation, where any wines, liquors or intoxicating drinks are bought, sold, used, drank or given away; or who purchases any ticket of admission or directly or indirectly pays any admission fee to or for the purof witnessing or attending any uch place, amusement, speciacle, performance or representation, is guilty of misdemeanor.

Those provisions, both by ordinance and by statute, fully cover the evils set forth by the Baptist minister from whose discourse we have quoted, and it is incumbent upon the city and county authorities to abate the nulsance pointed out. The ordinances and stat. utes against Sunday employments and amusements have become a dead letter. It is time that some life was put into them. Understand, we do not wish to establish such Puritanic restrictions as some extreme people advocate, nor do we wish to force our religious convictions in regard to the Sabbath upon people who do not see the matter in the same light with us, but we urge respect for the law and for the general public sentiment, and we call upon the authorities of the city and the county

to show that they have some regard for their official oaths and for the maintainance of public order and peace. The sale of liquor is not permitted

in association with public amusements. particularly on Sunday, and there is no real excuse for the scenes described in the sermon, a portion of which we have reported. If a determined effort is made by the officers of the law, or in the event of their unwillingness to do their duty, by the respectable portion of the community, the tendency to excess in amusements and to the mingling of recreation and dissipation will be checked, and something like the peaceful conditions which once prevailed here on the Sabhath day may be restored and the evils which threaten society may be restrained and perhaps suppressed. Will our friends who are in favor of good order and desire the public welfare take up this matter and



The custom of living in flats, instead of in homes, is becoming as general in London as in the larger cities of this country. People of various degrees of wealth are flocking together in apartment-houses and hofels, and as a consequence there are any number of empty buildings.

Students of social conditions note an alarming falling off in the birthrate, coincident with the abandoning does move.

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serious work for that assembly to perform in the interest of the establishment of peace in the smaller republics of this hemipshere. The opposing par-

ties in some of those countries do not seem to understand government by bal-They adhere to the barbarian rule lot. of government by bullet. That is the great trouble, and there is no remedy for it, except the infusion of civiliza-

tion from countries that have thoroughly learned the duties and privileges of citizenship.

RIGHT TO SHOOT.

Whether a police officer has the legal right to kill a person who runs away when commanded to halt, that is a question before a Pittsburg court. Its decision should be of general interest. Some months ago a policeman there killed the son of a wealthy business man. The father decided to have the right of the officer to do so, tested, and insisted that he be held for murder

Someone indignantly objected on the ground that: "Policemen every yea kill men under precisely similar cirumstances and are exonerated by the oroner." It will be well to have the opinion of a higher court on the proposition whether a policeman has the right to kill a man against whom nothing has been charged-much less proved -- simply because he runs when he is ordered to stop and surrender. That there are cases of justifiable killing under the circumstances mentioned, will readily be admitted. But officers are sometimes tempted to be too previous with their guns. Where is the line to be drawn?

GRADUAL DISARMAMENT.

Hon, John W. Foster, U. S. Ex-Secretary of State, does not share the somewhat general impression that the proposition to commence a gradual disarmament is entirely impractical He is quoted as having said:

"I recognize that the limitation of rmaments is encompassed with many difficulties, but it is no more impos-sible of realization than a general arbitration treaty seemed a few years Nor are we without examples to ago. show that it is possible of practical application. The two southernmost republics of this hemisphere for a generation or more regarded each other as natural enemies, and they taxed their people to the stretch of endurance to keep their armies and navies on a war footing. Finally realizing the folly and wickedness of such a policy, they recently entered into a treaty of sanity and disarmament, reduced their military forces to police necessities and sold their battleships and cruisers or converted them into merchant ves-sels. Thus Chile and Argentina guarantee each other's peace and autono.

This is encouraging to friends of the peace ideal. Coming from such an authority on international relations, the quotation is very important. It indicates progress since the Russian Czar called his first international congress at the Hague. For at that time disarm.

ament could not even be taken up for discussion. At present, Mr. Foster asserts, the realization of that idea is no more impossible than the general acceptance of an arbitration treaty seemed a few years ago. The world

It should be remembered that the present policy of enormous armies and | day night. American Beauty roses ar navies is comparatively new. It was brought forth as a necessary sequence of the wars of aggression waged in the interest of Bismarck's boundless ambitions. France crushed to the earth rose with a firm determination to recover her prestige and lost territory, Germany was under the necessity of preparing for future defense, and thus a rivalry arose in the matter of military equipment, in which nearly every nation became involved. But the race is really over. France can no longer equal Germany in the numerical strength of her armies. The maintenance of so enormous establishments has become a burden and a curse. It is time to return to the conditions that prevailed before 1870, and devote the enormous sums spent upon armies and navles, to other and more profitable uses. Our own country is in a position to set a worthy example. There should be no further occasion for armed conflicts on our part. We ought to maintain a government to which all the nations of the earth can point as a model, and we ought, above all, to promote peace and good will. With such a policy we will not need any Dreadnaughts, but can throw all our influence in favor of gradual disarmament as well as general arbitration.

Place des Invalides, Complete and poetic justice demanded iL

It is given out from Washington that perfect sanitation and clean linen are proving fatal to the West Indian negroes on the Panama canal. It is also recorded that kindness once killed

A New York paper wants to know what the 49,000 young men and women who have just been graduated from American universities and colleges are going to do. Let us hope they will do what is right and let the consequences follow.

Honduras offers to disarm and sub mit grievances to arbitration if Guatemala and Salvador will. This is the first sensible suggestion made by any of the parties to the present Central American embroglio, and should be accepted.

Acording to Notes and Queries, the Russian word Douma is of Scandinavian origin. It is akin to "Domr which is an important term in Icelandic law, meaning a court of justice -the body of judges. In this sense it came into use in Russia; hence the present Douma is an assembly of councilors met to pronounce their doom or judgment.

Dr. Charles G. Hill, who is in charge of Mount Hope Retreat, declares that prosperity is responsible for the increase of insanity that has been noted of late years. According to a Baltimore dispatch, the doctor said, in a recent report; "I believe that by a thorough research it could be traced in a great part to the prosperity of the period; the luxurious indulgence, the dissipations, the departure from the old standard of rectitude and the mora) deterioration.

EVILS OF CHILD LABOR.

John Spargo in Woman's Home Companion

It seems incredible, I know, to talk of an infant three years old working, and some may regard the statement that little ones do work as a sensa such tional exaggeration. But it is literally true, as is proved by the testimony of witnesses of unimpeachable character, A baby three years old can straighten out tobacco leaves or stick the stamens of artificial flowers through the petals. A child of four can put the covers on paper boxes, or even help to paste them. A child from four to six years age can pull out bastings and sev on buttons. A child of eight can make artificial flowers almost as well as an adult, and can make paper bags just as and almost as quick-Many a girl from eight to twelve well. years old can finish boys' "knee pants" as well as her mother. In our greatest and richest city, bables who should be in the kindergartens have been compelled to work in such occupations as I have described, and others of a like pelled to work

WATER LILIES POPULAR.

New York Press. Table decorations at Newport and ther fashionable resorts are interesting studies of taste and money, and one sometimes wonders where they will Since the Minot-Sands wedding, where there was a profusion of gar-denias at 75 cents and \$1 a bloom, there has been much murmuring about their scarcity. No other flower is acceptable to Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, and it looks now as if she would have difficulty in

filling her golden bowls on Wednes-



Ladies' White Waist Sale

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"I will say that evils which would break the heart of the average man create not a ripple down there. I saw all the performances of commercialism going on; the scenic railroad, the shooting gallery, the bowling alley, the lit-tle railway, the fishpond and other like contrivances, that are the first steps into gambling: the loop-the-loop, and the saloons and beer garden in full tilt. Barkers making such a noise that you could not hear yourself think; the hand giving a so-called sacred concert to eatch the unwary, and the resort all brilliantly and beautifully lighted up to

make the place attractive, "I saw boys who said they were 18 years old coming out of the bar. The place was crowded with men, and the beer garden opposite had in it about 200 persons, three-fourths of whom were young men and young women. Many of them were in a state of semi-intexiration, and were throwing heer at one another, swearing and using indecent language, and in some instances young men were taking undue liberties with the young women, some of whom were beastly drunk.

This is a startling description of actual occurrences. It does not matter where such scenes are enacted nor under whose auspices they are permitted. They are evil and also unlawful. They should be corrected or suppressed. The Baptist minister rightly condemned them and showed their effects upon people who are not themselves immoral, and upon their children, who are allowed to mingle with the throngs that frequent such places. He said:

"The people who are of the worst repute throng public places that they may ply their business, they are in the crowd. You would not think of letting your son, or your daughter, either, sit on the same seat with a libertine, in your home. They are taught to shun such people as the emissaries of hell, but the public gatherlug made up of those who are weak in flesh, gathers them all up and they go along with our families and we to vice in giving become accustomed It one place, at least,

A full synopsis of the gentleman's discourse appeared in our local columns. on Monday. His strictures and suggestions are worthy of deep consideration, and we echo his call upon the city and police authorities to enforce the law concerning such amusements as he described. If the city officials will not perform their duty in this regard, then the county authorities should take the matter up and execute the statutes in such case made and provided. Section 467 of the Revised Ordinances of Sali Lake City provides that:

"It shall be unlawful for any personto keep open on Sunday any store, workshop, bar, saloon, banking house or other place of business for the pur-The foregoing provisions do not apply to persons who on Sunday keep open notels, boarding houses, baths, restaur-ants, livery stables or retail candy, cigar or drug stores for the legitimate business of each, or such manufacturing establishments as are usually kept in continual operation.

Section 325 provides that

"It shall be unlawful for any person of any manager, agent, bartender or employe of any person, to sell, give away or otherwise dispose of any in-

causes for this, but naturally life flats is not conducive to family life, such houses generally being so constructed as to make the rearing of children on the premises very nearly Imposible. In Great Britain it is claimed there were four births less in every 1,000 persons in 1905 than there were in 1880. There would have been 60,000 more children born in 1905 if the rate of birth were equal to what it was fifty years ago. This is partiv ascribed to the modern mode of living in apartment houses, hotels, and restaurants, instead of in homes, The decline of the home is a regrettable fact of the present time. Any honest effort at preventing disintegration should be welcome. If the apartment house offers advantages that are desirable, as it undoubtedly does in some respects, it should be built with a view to home life, and not merely as a resting-place for an hour by the dusty roadside. And why should It not be owned by the occupants? Without a sense of ownershsip, there can be no real home comfort. Intelligent co-operation should make it possible even for families of small means to build and own modern palaces, and that with less cost than it takes, to build and maintain separate houses. If concentration of the population under fewer roofs has become an unavoidable feature of modern life, there is no reason why co-operation should not be invoked for the purpose of making each family own its part of the

WAR IN CENTRAL AMERICA.

mansion occupied, and thus combine

the home with the apartment building.

They are evidently having lively times in Central America, although the events there are apt to be overlooked. because of the frequency of "revolutions." It seems, however, that both Honduras and Salvador have become involved in the rising against the President of Guatemala, and that their armies are fighting furiously.

The trouble in Guatemala has been trewing for a long while. President

Cabrero is accused of being a despot. under whose rule nobody's life is safe. On the other hand it is claimed by his friends that he is obnoxious to some of the Guatemalans because of his enarprising spirit. His policy has been in attract foreigners and to take pains of to discourage investors by making them victims of a graft system. Natorally a man entertaining such views would be distasteful to classes who believe that foreigners are the legitimate h-locus of prey

To South America, too, the flames of explution are burning. In Brazil one of the governors has been assassinated. Several towns were, a short time ago. reported captured by rebels. That the Brazillan government considered the situation serious is evidenced by the fact that two Brazilian warships were dispatched to the disturbed province, currying troops which would increase the force under command of Gen. Baretc to 12,000 men. Subsequently it was reported that Cuyaba was invested by the rebels after a fight, in which the

federal troops had been defeated. This is the month in which commences the Pan-American congress at toxicating drinks at any time during Rio de Janeiro. There should be some | regiment should have taken place in | all

"All theology not accepted by me is all 'rot.' " Rev. Dr. P. Evelyn Nesbit was an artist's model, not a model of all the virtues.

How thankful Trepoff must be that

means to the Shoshone reservation,

A man who prefers to remain in his cool cell to exercising in a hot yard isn't crazy.

and his attorneys regarding his sanity is a very petty quarrel as it stands.

over their heads.

talk to him through the bars. Some anyway?" exclaimed Neil. of his attorneys seem to have been "What's the matter " asked Belle. of his attorneys seem to have been talking to him through their hats.

Thaw will be convicted of nothing. He might lose his soul and not save his ellent.

seems to be disgraceful.

Dreyfus has been assigned to the crack Twelfth regiment of artillery. The ceremony of his induction into the

used by Newport hostesses. - A8 Mrs. Astor was the first to introduce these at a Newport function, it is natural that out of compliment to her they are bound to be popular. Many women using pond lilles to grace the center of their tables, arranging the white blooms as the Japanese arrange their lotus flower. After the oriental fashion five or six of these waxen blooms, just holding their heads above the water, are arranged in flat porcelain dishes.

REAL LINEN A RARITY.

Victor Smith in New York Press. Not a tenth part of the millions of ollars sold in this country each year re of this material. Our housewives ardly know what genuine linen unless they take a trip abroad and use their cajolery with the custom inspector on returning. With us the pride of the wife is her silver. In Europe, and especially Ireland, the housewife's pride is in her linen. We have tried to equal the Irish linen, and falled. They have falled, too, in Scotland, England, Germany and Russia. It is said there is something in the Irish climate, but I doubt it. Another argument is that the superiority lies in Irish flax, but most of the Irish linen nowadays is made from flax grown in Russia.

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it was a case of mistaken identity. Today "to the West, to the West,"

The dispute between Harry Than

It is feared that Captain Peary is lost. Nowhere does history so repeat itself as in the search for the North Pole

The Washington shingle manufacturers propose to maintain the open shop. so long as they have a shingled-roof

Thaw's mother was compelled to

It would be very unwise of Attorney Hartridge to stake his soul that Harry

Judge Fraser, who is hearing the Hartje divorce case, says the proceedings are being conducted in a disgraceful manner. The whole affair