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THE SCHOOL-TAX QUESTION.

The dispute between the Board of Education of this city and some prominent citizens, on the subject of the school tax limit, should not provoke ill feelings or reflect in any way upon the integrity or the ability of the school board. Figures have been cited on both sides which are to some extent misleading. We do not impute improper motives in either case; we merely mention the facts.

The board of governors of the Commercial Club adopted the report of the committee, appointed to investigate the financial aspect of the plea for more funds, presented to the Legislature in behalf of the Board of Education. The conclusion reached was, that instead of a deficit there would be a surplus he paid more attention than abof money for city school purposes, and that, anyhow, there was no need to Professor Delitzsch, who claims that raise the tax limit from five and a half the Old Testament is founded on Babyto seven mills. Taking the figures as formulated by that committee, we shared in the views of the club as represented by the governors.

Then the Board of Education presented another set of figures, showing mistakes and omissions in the club committee's report, and establishing the claim that there would be a deficit instead of a surplus. We published that as well as the other report, and also a letter from one of the members of the school board. The "News" has presented both sides of the contention in all its public phases, with a preponderance, if anything, of statements on the side of the Board of Education.

But this paper has not been and is not, now in favor of raising the tax limit. This is not on the ground that the Board of Education has done anything improper or intends to do any. thing wrong, or that it is incompetent, open to blame in any particular It is solely on the ground of the injustice and oppression of the poor taxpayers, involved in the levying of heavler burdens upon them than those they are now compelled to bear, and which in numerous instances have gone beyond the limit of endurance and capacity to meet. There is one point, however, in the estimates furnished by the school board in support of their plea for more money, and that is, they are made on the basis of a ten months term, while for the past eight years at least, the term has been but nine months. That is why we used the word "misleading." in reference to the school board figures as well as those of the club committee, without charging any intent to misrepresent. may be argued that deducting holidays the term would not reach actually ten But that does not alter the months. fact, for the same holidays have been had under the nine months term. Now, we maintain our position that, at present, "well enough" can be "let Let the school board cut its alone.' garment according to the cloth furnished. If it will not make a suit on the design in view, let it be made to the extent possible with the stuff obtainable. We have done very well with the nine months term for several years, and there are many reasons to be offered why it is long enough considering all things in this locality. But never mind about that. We are opopsed to an increase of taxation, because of the inability of the poor property-holders, who are very numerous, to find the money to pay It. Look at the delinquent tax list for 1961! Watch the sales of property for taxes that will ensue! Hear the cries of the struggling householders who protest against further taxation! Then look at the schools we have and may continue to have without any extralevy and say why the masses shall be oppressed for the purpose of carrying out the wishes of the educators who. very properly perhaps, want to push the cause to higher levels. We can afford to wait for further improvements until we are financially able to make them. We are not down in the mire on this matter, but on a very good plane, and can move along without material injury to anyone or anything. No one wants education to retrograde. There is no occasion for such a movement. Nor is there necesity of running faster than we have strength to maintain the pace. We need not go wild on that subject more than on any other. The tax-raisers clamor from the stand. point of expediency: we stand up for the cause of necessity. Let the taxlimit stand for the present. It is a local question, let it be settled locally, withwut legislation against the protest of the great majority of the taxpayers of this city

made a mistake, and that the lives of "THE MORMONS." both are made wretched by their mu-The Boston Herald has devoted con tual companionship, it is their duty to separate and obtain freedom by legal derable space to the "Mormon" process," This, he claims, does not question brought once more to the 'wreck" the home. The home was surface by the election of Hon. Reed wrecked before, and the divorce is but Smoot to the United States Senate. Its the legal recognition of an existing latest editorial utterance on the subtect is as follows: fact. "Divorce never separates, just ar the marriage ceremony never "The debate in the United States Senate on the omnibus statehood bill has lately turned upon the influence unites.

of the Mormons, in the section of the

country where they exist in any con-

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serious apprehension of this influence

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election to the Senate by the Mormon Church, might be expected, perhaps, to

"The testimony that came from all three of the senators above named

was to the effect that the Mormons

are by native tendency and disposition good citizens. Senator Dubois said his home was in that part of his state

All will agree that many rush into the married state without due considerat'on. But would there not be fewer cases of ill-considered unions, if it vere more difficult to obtain separation." The very case with which man and wife can have the union legally lissolved, encourages the inexperienced and the thoughtless to accept respon-

iddities for which they were unfit. That people who cannot live together houid have a chance to separate, will not be disputed. But the road to divorce should not be rendered easy out of all proportion to the seriousness of life. Those who are married assume responsibilifies they should not be encouraged to shirk. They should be willing to make sacrifices on both sides, they should be determined to be governed in accordance with the principles of unselfishness. Where this is the case, certifies to the general good character of this people, but he pays a tribute to divorce will not be thought of as the first remedy against small, real or

the intelligence he found among them. They are well educated, he says; infancied wrongs. Forbearance, love, kindness will be tried first, and genan instance of a student in one branch erally with success. Of course, where has not his equal in the world in these are impossible, separation is the earned attainments in the specialty to which he has devoted his attenti only remedy. That is better than continued suffering, just as the amputation Mr. seems impossible for any one to ex-plain, how men of this mentality can of a limb sometimes is necessary to the salvation of life. But the divorce evil give adhesion to the tenets of the has grown to fearful proportions. It is that that apparent anomaly does exist

lawgivers and moralists. THE KAISER'S THEOLOGY.

one that must occupy the attention of

The German emperor has explained his religious views, and satisfied the

where they have chiefly settled, and that he had found them so. It is in country that he is orthodox. outhern Idaho that the Mormons are The necessity for making such a cincipally concentrated. When Idaho statement arose in the fact that lately first passed out of the territorial condi tion into statehood polygamy was in existence in the Mormon Church. For that reason the Mormon citizens of solutely nocessary, to the lectures of Church abolished polygamy, as it did in compliance with the Edmunds law of the United States, this disability was repealed, and the Idaho Mormons have since shared citizenship with the rest of the inhubiture. Ionian ideas and documents. Not long ago the emperor personally assisted the Assyriologist in showing stereopticon pictures to sixty members of the court. t the inhabitants. "The most intimate testimony as re-The pictures were designed to prove gards the present influence of the Mor

the Babylonian origin of the Hebrew ideas. The emperor subscribed to the funds to send professor Delitzsch again to Assyria, and discussed with him, when he returned, his most recent discoverles

Influential churchmen naturally took dertaken to interfere in politics to the alarm at the interest thus shown in extent of controlling the action of its heterodox views, and the emperor was asked to make some kind of a stateoffice as themselves candidates. ment, for the benefit of the public.

ited instances in which Mormons ha accepted nominations for election, and the Church had interfered, directing The emperor has complied with this equest, and sent a letter to Admiral them to withdraw from the field. They Hallman, councilor of the German Orihad declined, and as the result of this refusal their candidacy was tabooed by ental society. In this letter he critithe Church, and they were defeated. The Church also sometimes has its protizes Prof. Delitzsch for abandoning the standpoint of a historian, going into teges whom it supports-possibly whom it directs to run-but the Mormons are religious and theological conclusions which were quite nebulous or bold." not united in sustaining it, either in The professor's views of the New Tes dvocating or opposing men for o The younger Mormons are disposed to discourage such action on the part of tament were such that the emperor had to contradict him. He did not recognize Church authorities, and of necessity the younger element there is conthe divinity of Christ and held that the stantly growing. Old Testament contains no revelation The Mormon vote can always control about Him as the Messiah. Here the n Utah. It apparently doesn't always Assyriologist and the historical investideem it expedient to exercise its power but in the case of Reed Smoot, just gator, the Emperor says, ceases and elected senator from the State, it seems the theologian begins, with all his light to have done so. This was apparently brought about by the ambition of Smoot and shadow sides. The Kaiser thought himself, rather than as a project of the Church. * * * And this leads us to he ought to spare the laymen, and above all, the Oriental Society, from note another statement made by Mr. hearing of them. "We carry on exca-Rawlins. It is that the Mormons, as ations and publish the results in berule, are not politicians. The bulk of them are a quiet, simple, inoffensive, industrious people. Neither is there a half of science and history, but not to onfirm or attack religious hypotheses native tendency on the part of thei Church officials toward politics. Thei with Professor Delitzsh, the theologian, primary concern is in other directions. If the politicians would let the Mormon who has run away with the historian." After thus having told what he 'hurch alone, it is altogether probable hought of the professor, he stated his that the Mormon Church would let pol itics alone. If it has any aspiration in that direction, it is to be in with the wn views. This is what he said: "I distinguish between two different party in power, in order that it may be cinds of revelation, one progressive, and safe against adverse legislation from s it were, historical; the other purely the general government. eligious, as preparing the way for the uture Messiah. Regarding the former the debate we are considering, it is not a threatening affair in our nation. Its numbers are small in the newly promust be said for me it does not adm a doubt, not even the slightest, that posed States-1200 in New Mexico and 6500 in Arizona. They are larger in Idaho-14,972-which still has not been God reveals Himself continuously in the race of men created by Him. He breathed into man the breath of His life and follows with fatherly love and affected by its Mormon population. In Utah they are much greater, being 118. nterest the development of the huma 201, but even here we find no evil ef-fects developed from their presence for 'In order to lead it forward and dewhich they are directly responsible.' elop it He reveals Himself in this or hat great sage, whether priest or king, whether among the heathen, Jews or Thawing the pipes is no substitute for the Christians. Hammurabi was bolling the water. so was Moses, Abraham, Homer, Char-lemange, Luther, Shakespeare, Goethe, Kant and Emperor William the Great. Copper combines are not the only ones that have brass, These He sought out and endowed with His grace to accomplish splendid, im ording to His will. How often my When the Alaskan boundary is located it should be staked down so that it grandfather pointed out that he wa only an instrument in the Lord's hands cannot get away again. "The second form of revelation, the ore religious, is that which leads to It begins to look as though Winter he manifestation of our Lord. It was atroduced with Abraham, whose race was hanging on to get a chance to linger in the lap of Spring. and the peoples developing from it re-gard faith in one God as their holies Safe blowers have been at work possession. Split up during their Egyp-tian captivity, the divided elements were again welded together by Moses ever trying to hold fast to their monfigalo. It is a matter of regret that they cannot be put to work on a rock plie. theism. It was the direct interventio God that caused the rejuvenation of As yet Delaware has elected no senais neople, thus proved through ce tor. But the legislature's persistence till the Messiah, heralded I ophets and psalmists, in trying to elect one is rather worthy finally a ared, the greatest revelation of Go of admiration. the world, for He appeared in th himself If Mr. Carnegie wants to do the "Christ is God, God in human form handsome thing let him pay the nation-

United States. The Sultan has received the joint note of Austria-Hungary and Russia demanding that reforms be introduced in Turkey. He has promised to comply The Sultan is really the most promis-

there are no privileged classes in the

ing ruler in Europe or Asla.

The wisdom of putting fenders on the treet cars was demonstrated again cesterday when a lady threw herself n front of a car with suicidal intent and was saved by the fender. Their efficiency as life savers having been so thoroughly demonstrated, every street car should be furnished with one,

of Mormons is small there, and it is not expected to increase. It is rather in Senator Tillman's speech on the nefurtherance of the policy of delay, therefore, than for a more important gro problem shows that he is at least reason that this subject has been pro-truded into the discussion; yet it has beginning to realize that it is a most important question and one that is had its value-perhaps not intended-in the light that has been thrown through its agency on the Mormon situation. coming to the front about as fast as possible. It will not be so absorbing The senators who have chiefly furand burning a question as in ante belnished information upon the subject are Dubois of Idaho, Rawlins of Utah hum days but it will approach very and Teller of Colorado. It does not appear that there are any considerable nearly what it was then.

To remove the Spanish archives from number of Mormons in Constern peo-Mr. Teller's knowledge of western peo-California to the Congressional library at Washington would be to rob the Golden Gate state of part of its historic inheritance. The legislature of that state proposes to pass a resolution of protest against the contemplated action. Every state and territory that has been erected out of the land ceded by the treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo has at least a sentimental interest in these archives and their retention by California. If the archives go, take with them the mission houses and that house In Monterey where Stockton unfurled the American flag. Let it be all or nothing.

ROCKEFELLER'S TELEGRAM.

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Omaha Bee. If now the demand for more drastic legislation shall become stronger and more intense, which is very probable the combinations may realize that high handed attempts to control legislation and dictate the policy of the govern-ment respecting them will not be toierated by the American people.

Indianapolis News.

Is it not now clear to the most stupid trust apologist that the real issue is whether the government is to control the trusts or the trusts the govern-ment? To this issue we have been tending for many years. Now it seems to have been most sharply and satis-factorily made. It is well.

Philadelphia North American.

ator Rawlins. He, living in Utah and having recently been defeated for re-No more denial of the sending of uch messages will be accepted as refuation of the report. Any attempt to prevent thorough investigation will serve only to fix the determination of be bitter toward it; but he showed no such feeling. He did declare, under questioning, that the Church had unthe American people to bring the senate as well as the trusts under their control.

Chicago Tribune.

embers in engaging in contests for Congress cannot remain inactive now and let the people say the Standard Oil Co. controls it. It has made action necessary. Laws will be enacted under which daylight will be let into the af-fairs of the Standard Oll Co., and other great monopolies, and they will be taught that the people and not they are the government

> Baltimore Sun. If Mr. Rockefeller has actually come



THE DIVORCE EVIL.

A contributor to the Arena, Mr Henry T. Harris, does not accept the view that divorce should be rendered more easy to obtain than it is now. He does believe, however, that the entrance to the married state should be rendered narrower.

His argument is the usual: "If the husband and wife find that they have | principles of "Mormonism."

He redeemed us and inspires, entice us to follow Him. We feel His fir al debt. It is an undertaking worthy irning in us. His sympathy strength is us. His discontent destroys us of his steel. ns us. but also. His intercession saves the conscious of victory, building solel Blanche Bates has reached that rung in the ladder of fame where she has

non His word, we go through lab dicule, sorrow, misery and death, i narrow escapes from fire. She should ve have in Him God's revealed word and He never lies. be above It. That is my view of these matters is to me self-evident that the Old Poultney Bigelow says that Germany could lick us out of our boots," One

Testament contains many section which are of a purely human and his thing is certain Americans will never lick Germany's boots. torical nature, and are not God's re vealed word. These are merely histor ical descriptions of incidents of al kinds which happen in the political religious, moral and intellectual life of this people.

Apart from the fact that this is the theology of a kaiser, it contains several other interesting points. The emperor believes in continuous revelation. He says it does not admit of a doubt, not even the slightest, that God reveals

Himself continuously in the race created by Him. He, further, recognizes that God has revealed Himself among different people, without regard to creed r color, In this statement the enteror of Germany has expressed in a mas-

terly manner some of the very basic

that it is.

out in the open in the way describ either he has lost his head, which h has never done hitherto, or his apparent frankness is intended to conceal some other maneuver, still undeveloped as far as the public is concerned, which

represents his real purpose. Indianapolis Journal.

Assuming that Mr. Rockefeller has ione what is attributed to him. Con-gress must proceed to pass the antiust measures it has under considera The house has passed then tion. without a dissenting vote. If anything should delay the passage of the conmplated legislation during the presnt Congress, the next must be sumoned to do the work. The mandate f John D. Rockefeller makes action mperative and prompt.

New York Evening Post.

The ways of real magnates are no we believe, so innocently direct. They have well tried agents; they have subler methods of reaching the senatoria mind than a crude telegraphic word of command. The latter a proud sen ator might resent, but if he sees hi Judging from stocks mysteriously raided, or all market "tips" going wrong, he has at acute consciousness that all this tall of anti-trust legislation is seriously hurting legitimate business, and must be stopped. Such a means of persua-sion beats peremptory telegrams hollow. Besides, it is much more polite





The Supreme Court has just decided that Indian lands are not taxable. And Salt Lake City Street Cars from Trains Pass the Door. still there are people who claim that