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## MOVING TO INDEPENDENCE.

From a letter received at the Pres dent's office, this city, from Elder Samuel O. Bennion, president of the Central States Mission, dated Kunsas City, Mo., Feb. 26, we learn that the headquarters of that Mission has nov been removed from Kansas City to Independence, Jackson county. Elder Bennion says, "We have everything in good shape and the people seem to welcome us and treat us very kindly. Those who have relatives or friends in that mission should address letters to them to 303 South Pleasant St., Independence, Mo.

We understand the Church owns some property in Independence very well suited for headquarters of the mission, and that questions of economy suggested the removal from Kansas City. It will be less expensive to conduct the missionary work from Independence, and it can be done just ns well. We also understand that the intention is to commence the publication of a weekly magazine from the headquarters of the mission in Independence, devoted entirely to missionary interests, and this will, we feel certain, be a great help to the Elders in the field. We will probably have occasion to speak more of this pub-

lication before long. The Evening and Morning Star published at Independence in the interests of the so-called Hedrickites, considers the removal of the headquarters of the Central States Mission to Independence as the signal of the beginning of a mighty struggle between the "two powerful organizations"-meaning the Church and the "reorganized" counterfeit. "Both organizations," the Evening and Morning Star says, "possess brainy and resourceful mea, and the contest will be no child's play. The little 'Hedrickite' people can withdraw to the safety of the citadel of the Temple lot and watch the glants struggle."

We quote this merely to show the views of perhaps a large number of those who follow the current history of the Latter-day Saints, in the wide mission field. We would say to this, that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has never yet made a move for the purpose of engaging in a struggle with anyone. The Latter-day Saints have no contro. versy with anyone. Their calling is one of peace and good will to all men, no matter what their faith may be. They have a mission to perform, which is the proclamation of the gospel to all creatures. They are charged with the duty of testifying to all the

world of the divine mission of the Prophet Joseph and the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. Idle controversy and conflict, such as the world delights in, is no part of the work of the Church. If the other organization considers its mission to be to make war upon the Church, that is its affair entirely. The Latter-day Saints, even if called upon to defend out poll tax altogether. The same the truth, will not engage in conflicts is true in California, where, however, that leave only bitter feelings between those who engage in them. a constitutional amendment is necessary to bring about that result. Com-

vote and that only the "American" members favored it. But that the Legislature will grant the request no sane person believes for a moment.

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made.

## CONSOLIDATION, OR NOT!

The discussion in the Legislature on the so-called consolidation question is now on, and we believe no part of the labor of this legislative assembly will

be followed with deeper interest than this. It is a matter of vital interest to the entire State, and not only to one The "News" has purposely avoided taking sides in this controversy, and we have no reason for deviating from this policy now. , But this is selfevident, that no arrangement that will cripple either institution, or injure the interests of any city, in any ounty, can be of any benefit to the people of Utah. If the in-

terests of all the people are kept in view throughout the debate, and selfsh motives treated as they ought to be when matters of public importance is to be disposed of, no mistake will be

Some people speak of the question before the Legislature as if it were one of immediate consolidation. But that is not the fact. What the Legislature has to decide is whether it is necessary at this time, or whether it is in accordance with the demands of wisdom. to submit the question of consolidation to the vote of the people. Only when the voters of the State have demanded a constitutional amendment providing for consolidation, can the Legislature take further action in the matter. If the Legislature decides to submit the question to the public, it will probably be necessary for those interested on

either side of the controversy to enlighten the public upon all the questions involved, in order that the voters may be in a position to vote intelligently and not in the dark. It would then mean a campaign of no ordinary educational value.

# ANOTHER APPEAL.

The citizens of Washington county ask the Legislature for aid to build two bridges to facilitate communication between settlements on both sides of the Virgin river. They are willing to do all the work, but they need money for material, and on that account they apply to the Legislature.

We are well aware, that it will tax the ingenuity of our legislators to the utmost to make the revenues of the State reach round and cover all the legitimate claims made for various interests: we are also aware that the time to spare for the consideration of new claims is brief, and precious; but we hope the legislators will be able to take the appeal from the citizens of Washington county and consider it carefully. If facts are as represented, there should be a way of finding the money needed for material. On general principles it should be re-

membered that money spent on necessary improvements is not wasted. It is safely invested. After a while roads and bridges, by rendering the land to which they open access more valuable, swell the State's income by additional taxes. No matter how valuable land is, if it is inaccessible, or reached only by great difficulty, it is of little use. It takes lines of communication to make it productive of wealth. The improvement of any district of the State is, therefore, an additon to the general resources. Questions of this nature are not merely sectional, or local; they are really of general import.

THE POLL TAX PROBLEM. Several state legislatures are just now able than a telephone number. wrestling with the poll tax problem. In

menting upon the measure which will

submit the question to the people, the

Sacramento Bee says it should be

adopted without delay, and argues that

the tax is unjust for the reason that it

falls on rich and poor alike without

regard to property or income. It is

held to be but a triffe to the wealthy

and a hardship to the jaboring man who

is living from hand to mouth and in

sumes that the man who has no taxable

property is not a taxpayer unless his

head be taxed. But the truth is that

no class of the body politic pay so large

provident enough to own no taxable

property. Every man pays taxes in

In the Utah legislature the claim is

made that it takes nearly if not quite

one-half of the pell tax to enforce col-

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to be an extravagant statement, but it

is probably true. For some reason this

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all can be seen when the assessor puts in an appearance. The poll tax proposition is by no means an unmixed element for good.

## AN INDEPENDENT OPINION.

## The New York Independent of Feb. 28, comments on the "admission of Senator Smoot" to the Senate as follows:

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"Against the judgment and honest projudice of many of our readers we have favored the admission of Mr. Smoot to the United States Senate. We have done this because, as we believe, be presents the new and not the old Mormonism. It is true that he is a Mormon, but the majority of the clit-zeus of Utah are Mormons, and have the right to choose their Senator. It is true that he is an Aposie in the Mor-more objection to his admission than the fact that other Senators have been elders, deacons and clergymen. The only question which it was right to in-troduce was, whether he was himself a polygamist or was the defender and regresentative of a social system con-demned by the conscience and laws of the nation. But such he was not. He has never had more than one wife, and be has constantly and consistently opposed polygamy. It is true that he is a member of a board of Apostles, some of whom had married polygamously be-fore Congress admitted Utah on the basis of monogamy, and before the Mormon Church forbade future poly-gamous marriages; but polygamy is a dying institution, and the new and con-trolling Mormonism opposes and for-bids it: and if there have been any polygameus marriages since the laws and the revelation which forbade it, they have not had the same, that the old men who took plural wives many years ago have not usually selected one of their wives and discard-ed the rest. They do not choose to, and they do not think if right. These old men and women are dying off, and the institution is coming to an end gradual-ly. The trend, the purpose, the sur-conclusion is right, even though casuis-try may defend the continued relation in there exceptional cases. Mr. Smoot, in there exceptional cases. Mr. Smoot, in there exceptional cases. Mr. Smoot, in the rest, they do not choose to, and they do not think if right. These old men and women are dying off, and the institution is continued relation in the resting of the women who have tried to prevent his admission on hydvised. They did not chose to, and they dot

This, on the whole, fair representation of the situation in Utah, proves that the money spent and strenuous efforts made by bigoted preachers and unscrupulous politicians to defame this State and the majority of the people here, have not availed everywhere. The Independent is one of the best edited and most influential weekly publications of this country, and it is evident that it has refused to be drawn into the vortex of agitation that was started here for sinister purposes. We have no doubt that the agitators will continue their efforts, as long as they can get hold of the contributions of credulous audiences, but from the tone of the respectable press of the country, we

are justified in concluding that the day of successful lying about the "Mormons" is declining. The sun is setting over the place where so many an anti-"Mormon" Ananias and Sapphira had hoped to live glorying in their succes

"Hot air" seems to be the chief element in "brain storms." Mr. Newhouse's motto seems to be,

A weather cock is not more change-

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tiful theory! It explains everything but who the thief is and what he did with the money. What an alienist, in potentia, the author of this theory is!

## POTATOES.

# Portland Oregonitan. A recent bulletin on "The Cultivation of the Potato," published by the gov-rimment, contains much interesting in-formation about this important tuber, in a ravorable year, for example, an acte planted to potatoes will produce four times as much food as any cereal crop, fifteen tons to the acre being sometimes obtained in Germany, where scientific cultivation is practised. Of the potato product of the world, about one-half is consumed for human food the remainder is disposed of for fod-dately for the distillation of alcohi. The full value of potatoes for stack feed is not so well known as it should be. They may be feed raw, steamed or dried; but are most valuable as they come from and they furnish a fair substitute for hay, eight meal and even grain. Portland Oregonian.

### BY MOTOR TO THE SOUTH POLE.

London Cable to New York World. London Cable to New York World. "To the South Pole by motor car." If this is a dream, the new British South Polar expediation, which will leave this country in October, will try to make it reality. The expedition will be commanded by E. H. Shackleton, who was third licutenant of the Dis-covery in the National Antarctic expe-dition. He will take with him a power-ful automobile. Many polar explorers believe a motor car can be used most advantageously in traveling over great expanses of ice. The car will be modi-fied from the ordinary type, but an au-tomobile it will be, with body, engine and wheels. and wheels,

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### CANADA'S OLDEST MAN IS DEAD.

Ottawa Dispatch in New York Sun. Timothy Collins, aged 111 years, has just died at Montreal. He was born hear Cork, Ireland, in 1795, living in the reigns of five sovereigns, George IV, William IV, Victoria and Edward VII. When he was born Washington was president of the United States. He lived in New York City several years, matrying there Miss Brown, of Queen's County, Ireland. Later he moved to Montreal and went into business there. Collins never used an umbrella in his life. He was a constant smoker, and used to have a smoke before breakfa every morning up to the illness that led to his death.

### WOMEN INVESTORS.

Philadelphia Press,

There are 19,000 women who owp stock of the Pennsylvania railroad. This There are 19,000 women who own stock of the Pennsylvania railroad. This is the surprising statement made by Vice President Thayer. Almost haif, or, to be exact, 47 per cent of all the share-holders of the world's greatest railroad are women. While it is not to be pre-sumed that the army of the fair sex owns half the 6,000,000 shares of the company, the portion must still be very large. That they might if they so de-sire, exert a powerful influence in the management of the railroad's affairs cannot be doubted. But they are not shareholders for speculative reasons. They bought Pennsylvania stock for investment purposes only, and they are wisely content to let the men manage its affairs. What this great aggrega-tion of women investors want is sure It's analys, what this great aggrega-tion of women investors want is sure dividend. Many of them own only a few shares, but the income must be in many cases a real factor in life. In the broad treatment of railroad ques-tions generally the enormous number of women who own securities in them should be a vital point for considera-tion.

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## "SPECIAL PRIDE" MESSAGE.

Mayor Thompson has filed another annual statement with the city recorder. In some respects it is a strikingly unique document. The Tribune emblazons it as a "special pride" message, This, of course, is done regardless of the showing it makes, which is bad, from any viewpoint. First, because, in patrobizing language it commends the deficit-creating members of the city council for the "good work accomplished last year"-a few more such years and the city would be in the hands of a receiver. And secondly, for the veiled threat made in a demand for more revenue. It is generally admitted that Salt Lake has entered on an era of great growth. Every business man realizes that, and appreciates it, too, but what he does not appreciate, is the manner in which he is notified by the mayor, that some form or other, as in rent, and he must put up more money. Mark | the prices of commodities." what he says:

"We have reached the point where improvements of all kinds should be not only expedited, but if necessary, forced. No false sense of economy, nor fear of political criticisms should cause us for a moment to heasitate in pushing forward all improvements under way, or such as may be deemed necessary for the future welfare of the city. We have been more or less dormant in the improvement line for the past is years, and it is now apparent that the people we awakening to the fact that if we lesire to press forward, we must be alive to the needs of a city."

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Utah a bill has been introduced in It lacked several millions of being which it is sought to make the tax billion-dollar session; still it will do. payable in cash entirely and thus abolish the labor feature connected with The ship subsidy bill was finally it. In Nevada it is proposed to wipe swamped. Found a watery grave, so to

### speak. There is a scarcity of laborers in California. Fortunately for that state the vineyard is hardly ready.

Canada's puritanical Sunday law is so stiff and straight that it is liable to fall over backwards and break itself.

Governor Swettenham's resignation is now an accomplished fact. It is an accomplishment that well becomes him.

Abe Ruef's name is not pronounced The idea is advanced that poll tax "Roof" but "Reef," almost. Seemingis wrong in principle, in that it "is ly a dangerous "reef" that it is well to levied on the right to exist and asavoid.

### Senator Tillman did not get his in formation regarding the Panama canal contract bids, nor did he get anything equally good; he simply got left.

Do those who say that Mrs. Eddy was never more capable of directing financial undertakings than now forget the story of the Archbishop and Gil Blas?

The Missouri legislature having determined the proper pronunciation of the word "Missouri" is now prepared to take up and solve the problem of reformed spelling.

"Well, next time play two hours. I on't like him a bit."--Milwaukee Sentinel. "Why don't you try to make peo-plo give you their entire confidence?" "I'd rather have 'em suspect me just a little," answered Senator Sorg-hum. "Then if anything goes wrong they are not so surprised and resent-ful."--Washington Star, ple give "In our city." said Miss Ritten-house Squayer, "admission to the up-per ten implies good birth." "That's odd," replied Miss Travel-ing of Chicago, "now, in a sleeping car the lower five implies a much bet-ter berth."--Philadelphia Press. That Spring "Touch." An exchange says that there is a "touch" of spring in the air. Probably the wife after money for the Easter hat.—Grass Valley Union. RECENT PUBLICATIONS. The April number of the Travel Mag-azine is full of the spirit of Easter, and descriptions of places one would wish to visit during this first real month of spring. In "Bermuda, the Winter Ha-ven of Lovers of the Sea." Percy K. Crocker tells us of ocean bathing and saling in March around the coral is-lands where the Easter filles grow. Rus-sell Hewlett describes for us "Two Months Ashore at India," and the strangeness and beauty of the eastern empire as it appeared to an American party enroute around the world. In "He-de-Re, France," we have the story of a quaint little island full of sunbon-nets and sabots, by C. H. Nye. "At the Holy Sepulchre on Easter-Eve" is a description by W. G. Fitz-Gerald of the commemoration today in Jerusalem of the tragic events of the days pre-ceding the first Ekster,--355 Fourth Ave, New York.



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